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The 1983 Silver Slugger Teams

Hagler, Duran Settle Middleweight Debate



**A Husker
Heads for
The Heisman**

Nebraska's Mike Rozier





NEBRASKA

By STEVE SINCLAIR

LINCOLN, Neb.—This should be easy. No sweat. The object is to show why Nebraska is really college football's No. 1 team in 1983 and to prove why Texas is an impostor.

Auburn seems an appropriate place to begin a debate about Nebraska and Texas.

Nebraska started its 21-game winning streak, the nation's longest current streak, by whipping Auburn, 41-7, in a visit to Alabama in the fourth week of 1982. Texas started its 1983 season with an impressive 20-7 victory at Auburn.

"We didn't feel Texas was very strong on offense, and last year, to be honest, we weren't all that impressed with Nebraska's defense," Auburn Coach Pat Dye said. "But their (Nebraska's) offensive team is as good as I've seen in college football. Their offensive line is unbelievable."

Texas vs. Nebraska? "I really think Nebraska would beat them," Dye said. "I don't think Texas can score a lot of points. As good as Texas' defense is, Nebraska would find ways of getting into the end zone."

The Nebraska offense is the big reason the Cornhuskers are better than Texas. The Cornhuskers are jet-propelled. The Longhorns aren't. The week that Nebraska gained 667 yards and scored 72 points against Iowa State, most ever scored against the Cyclones, Coach Tom Osborne said the Huskers didn't play up to their potential.

"I don't think anybody in this conference (Big Eight) can beat them," Iowa State Coach Jim Criner said. "And I'm not sure there's any team in America that can beat them, either. I've seen Texas on film. I think Nebraska is better."

On the same day, Texas gained 98 yards while struggling to a 9-3 win over Houston.

"I don't think that's enough yards to win a whole lot of games," said Nebraska defensive end Scott Strasburger.

Osborne said that Texas is somewhat the reverse of Nebraska with most of its talent on defense, while the Cornhuskers are

stronger on offense. But Osborne said he didn't want to get involved in any controversies over who should be No. 1.

"That's for the voters to decide," he said. "I don't feel like coaches should be getting up on a soapbox and extolling the virtues of their own teams. I'm just close to our situation. I can't be neutral. I'm sure Fred Akers can't be about Texas."

Texas leads the nation in total defense. Its offense doesn't rank among the top 50. Nebraska is No. 1 nationally in scoring, No. 1 in rushing and second in total offense. The Cornhuskers aren't among the top 50 in total defense.

Husker I-back Mike Rozier leads the nation in rushing and scoring and is the favorite for the Heisman Trophy. Quarterback Turner Gill is a great runner and would lead the nation in passing efficiency if he had enough attempts. Osborne says Gill is the best all-around quarterback in the country. Wingback Irving Fryar likely will be the first receiver chosen in the pro draft.

"They remind me of no other offensive team that I've ever seen," said UCLA offensive coordinator Homer Smith after the Huskers beat the Bruins, 42-10. "No one has ever put the weaponry together quite that way. They're just the greatest. It's more than just talent. It's a great coaching job and a great combination of weapons. It just wears you out."

Strasburger said Missouri's defensive showing against Oklahoma, shutting out the Sooners and holding them to 84 yards rushing, indicated how good Nebraska's offense is. "Missouri proved it has a great defense in that game," he said. "Our offense scored 34 points against them. I have no doubts that our offense can score that many points against any team in the nation. And the way Texas has moved the ball, I think we'd be able to stop them."

Nebraska's top argument for its position ahead of Texas in the Associated Press and United Press International polls may be that the Cornhuskers have played more consistently and been more dominating. Texas'

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TEXAS

By JIM CARLEY

AUSTIN, Tex.—If old coaches are to be trusted or believed, then the selection by THE SPORTING NEWS of Texas as the No. 1 team in the nation is not only sound, but the only reasonable pick. For it is a time-honored coaching adage which testifies, "Good defense will always beat good offense."

No one can deny that the Longhorns' defense is the best in the land. Texas is ranked No. 1 in total defense (195.3 yards a game), scoring defense (seven points a game) and passing defense (93 yards a game). The Longhorns allowed only six touchdowns in their first eight games.

That defensive team has at least two All-America candidates—linebacker Jeff Leiding and cornerback Mossy Cade. But Coach Fred Akers accords the 1983 unit lofty status as his best defense ever for reasons other than just Leiding and Cade.

"I think it has been the most effective defense we've had because it has had better balance than any we've had," said Akers. "We don't have the one dominating player like a Kenneth Sims that our other great defenses had. But we have more good ones of like ability and they complement each other so well. I think if it can stay together, it's the best we've had overall to this point."

There are other convincing reasons why this team of orange crunchers should be No. 1 over Nebraska, the popular choice in the Associated Press and United Press International rankings. The main argument for Texas is strength of schedule. Instead of regularly gorging on Meatball of the Week, Texas has had a steady diet of Top 10 teams and others with winning records.

The Longhorns have beaten three teams that were rated in the Top 10 at the time—Auburn, Oklahoma and Southern Methodist—not to mention North Texas State, rated No. 2 in Division II. And they also recorded an easy victory over Arkansas, which had been rated in the Top 20 early in the year.

In addition, Texas played Auburn, SMU

and Arkansas on the road. The Huskers' toughest away game has been at Oklahoma State (a 14-10 decision). Five of Texas' eight games have been against teams with winning records, none with more than three losses. The total record among the eight Texas opponents was 39-30-1.

Nebraska had played five teams that now have winning records, but two of them—Penn State and UCLA—didn't get things together and go above .500 until after they played Nebraska. Texas has caught its toughest opponents—Auburn, SMU, Oklahoma and Arkansas—at the peak of their seasons. The Huskers' first 10 opponents had a total record of 41-48-1.

More than anything, apparently, the difference between Texas and Nebraska, the two teams that would be king, lies with the offenses. The Longhorns' offense has been riddled with injuries all season and currently is missing four starters.

Two of those are All-America line candidates, center Mike Reuther and guard Doug Dawson. Another is freshman sensation Edwin Simmons, perhaps the best running back at U.T. since Earl Campbell. A total of 12 starters have missed at least one game for the Horns this year, 10 on offense.

"I guess those things just go in cycles," said Akers. "But at the start of the season, we expected to have a very powerful offense. There's no question that injuries have kept us from putting it together the way we expected to."

Another thing holding back the Longhorn offense, at least in its quest for national attention, is Akers' philosophy. He disdains running up the score on opponents—something pollsters love—and always pulls his starters off early.

His teams have scored more than 60 points only twice in his seven years at U.T. and never the last six years. He regularly empties his bench by the third quarter. This season, 11 players have scored touchdowns, and seven have scored more than one. Twelve Longhorns have caught passes, eight running backs have carried the ball and five quarterbacks have seen action—and the Longhorns

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...Or Is Creighton Best in the Land?

By BOB McCOY
Executive News Editor

OMAHA, Neb.—What's all this debate about whether Nebraska or Texas is No. 1? Why, the Cornhuskers might not even be the best team in their own state and the Longhorns already have been beaten, whether they care to admit it or not.

Around Omaha, the Bluejays of Creighton University are the hottest football team in the land. If you don't believe it, just consult a 1983 Creighton schedule. They're all over town—on walls in bars and offices, in dormitory rooms, on T-shirts that have been best sellers on campus.

The Creightonian, the campus newspaper, reported the other day, "After edging the University of Illinois, 63-0, the Bluejays (8-0) vaulted to third in the ratings, right behind No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Texas. Of course, Creighton has beaten the Longhorns and would be No. 2 except for the fact that Texas has refused to divulge publicly that it lost."

Creighton football?

No, it's not exactly true that the sport has been revived after a 41-year absence.

But don't tell the editors at the Creightonian, which has been carrying accounts of each week's victory, or those followers who have turned out for pep rallies and Saturday night victory parties at the Blue Jay Lounge, a sports-oriented watering hole a block from the campus.

It doesn't matter that Creighton has no team. The fun of having something to cheer is back on the campus, and the phenomenon has been a bonanza for the Blue Jay and the G. Heileman Brewing Co., which makes Old Style lager.

"These people are absolutely nuts," said Tom Janda, proprietor of the Blue Jay. "It's a hula hoop that has no stop."

The whole thing got started last summer when Ty Banks, state manager for Heileman's, called Ron Paradis, Creighton sports information director, asking for permission to put out a Bluejays schedule. Paradis told him that Creighton didn't have a team, but that didn't matter to Banks. Even Banks' bosses were skeptical, asking him, "Why print a schedule for

a team that doesn't exist?" Finally, they gave in.

"Originally, we ordered 500 posters," Banks said. "So far, we've made 1,500, and we probably could unload 1,500 more. They're catching on across the state."

The posters were available to students when they registered for fall classes. Bob McDonald, last year's editor of the Creightonian, picked one up and got an idea. "I got to thinking it would be neat to run articles as if there really were a team," he said.

McDonald provided the weekly Creightonian with stories on the exploits of such players as freshman quarterback Lewis Hofmann, running back Mark Weber, placekicker Tom Hoover (perfect on field-goal attempts), defensive lineman Dale Sutherland and wide receiver Kristi Swanson. They're mythical players, but real Creighton students. Ms. Swanson is a ranking candidate for the "Heileman" Trophy, an award she calls the "Heilesperson."

As the Creighton season got under way, Janda and Banks struck a deal. "He asked me to pour his beer on Saturday

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How to Husk a Heisman

By MIKE SMITH

ST. LOUIS—Back in mid-October, the fast-talking Missouri Tigers figured any self-respecting defender in the Big Eight Conference should be outraged that Mike Rozier was getting fat off their league.

So the Tigers puffed out their chests and issued a travelers' advisory for the senior I-back and the Nebraska Cornhuskers: The road to the Heisman Trophy detours in Columbia, Mo., where they should beware of poor visibility and flying objects.

That meant, "We'll fly in there and put him (Rozier) down before he gets to the line," to quote one of the more impudent Tigers.

Tsk, tsk. One would have figured that the Tigers would know better than most that: (1) nobody "flies in" on Nebraska's backfield with regularity; and, (2) in the unlikely event of penetration, there's usually hell to pay from Rozier.

Rozier ran for 159 yards and two touchdowns against a Missouri defense that all season has been ranked among the top 10 nationally against the rush. It's difficult to imagine anything so one-sided as that matchup. But, as Coach Tom Osborne has been accused of saying on fourth down with his Cornhuskers six touchdowns ahead, "Let's try anyway."

Take the balloting for the Heisman Trophy. Rozier is even farther ahead of the Heisman field than he was ahead of the Tigers on a 60-yard touchdown run in the Cornhuskers' 34-13 victory.

Playing for a team that has been ranked No. 1 since the first polls were released and is the highest-scoring club in college football history, Rozier may have been the odds-on favorite even before Oklahoma State running back Ernest Anderson pulled up lame and Oklahoma's Marcus Dupree went home to Mississippi to munch on moon pies and read his \$15.95 biography in peace.

With one game remaining, Rozier had 1,943 yards—just 57 short of the 2,000-yard standard surpassed only by Southern California's Marcus Allen in 1981. When he ran for 285 yards and four touchdowns in the Huskers' 61-7 victory over Kansas, he zipped past Anderson's Big Eight rushing record (1,877 yards in 1982), topped Rick Berns' school-record 255 yards against Missouri in 1978, and erased Lydell Mitchell's 1971 record at Penn State of 26 touchdowns rushing. Mitchell had an NCAA-record total of 29 TDs that year, and Rozier was only one behind with his 28—all on the ground.

Rozier's 168 points erased the Cornhusker single-season scoring record of 157 points, set by Bobby Reynolds in 1950. He was seven yards short of the Big Eight career rushing mark of 4,582 yards, set by Oklahoma State's Terry Miller from 1974 to 1977, and his career average of 7.193 yards per rush was ahead of the NCAA record mark of 7.087 by Oklahoma's Billy Sims.

With apologies to a passel of Rozier's teammates and Brigham Young quarterback Steve Young, the Downtown Athletic Club of New York well could have saved the postage on the Heisman ballots.

"I don't see any contest," said Gil Brandt, the director of scouting for the Dallas Cowboys, "and I haven't talked to anyone who does."

Heaven knows, Rozier's teammates think this Heisman nonsense should have ended weeks ago. That includes three players who will get a fair share of votes—quarterback Turner Gill, who might be the runner-up, wingback Irving Fryar and offensive guard Dean Steinkuhler, a favorite for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Trophy that go to the nation's premier lineman.

"Nobody but Mike Rozier deserves the Heisman," Steinkuhler said. "He puts it all in perspective. He gets all the press, but he handles it. He's for the Nebraska Cornhuskers, not Mike Rozier."

Rozier has two public stances on the Heisman, and both underscore Steinkuhler's analysis. One is that the award doesn't interest him. "I've got 50 or 60 trophies at home, and all it is is another trophy. It gives you more publicity, more money."

The other is that if he gets his hands on the trophy, he'd like to take an acetylene torch to the sucker.

"Turner will get the head, Irving will get the arms, I'll get the legs and the offensive line will get the heart," Rozier said. "If I don't get it, people around here will still know I did my job, and that will be as good as a Heisman."

"I'll always give credit to my teammates. I've always hung out with the guys who block for me. When I break one, I like to see them laugh and be happy after they got the job done."

The Husker linemen must have been doubled up on the sideline after some of his runs against Missouri. That wasn't his most productive game, but certainly one of his most captivat-



Rozier's Run for Heisman

(1983 Statistics, 11 Games)

Opponent	Rushes	Yds.	TDs
Penn State.....	16	71	0
Wyoming.....	19	191	4
Minnesota.....	15	196	3
UCLA.....	26	159	2
Syracuse.....	19	142	2
Oklahoma State.....	25	146	0
Missouri.....	24	159	2
Colorado.....	19	155	4
Kansas State.....	23	227	3
Iowa State.....	26	212	4
Kansas.....	31	285	4
Oklahoma, Nov. 26.....
Totals.....	243	1,943	28

ing because of the contrasting running styles he displayed.

On occasion, he was the classic game-breaker, thriving on acceleration, speed and a marvelous sense of invention in the open field. Yet when the Cornhuskers were pinned on their 3-yard line and leading by one touchdown in the third quarter, they pounded the 5-11, 210-pound Rozier between the tackles four straight plays until reaching the 25. Thus began a 97-yard scoring drive that would sap the Tigers' spirit.

All of which moved Mizzou Coach Warren Powers, a former Cornhusker player and assistant coach, to second what Osborne has contended all along—that Rozier is better than Bobby Reynolds, I.M. Hipp, Jarvis Redwine, Jeff Kinney, Rick Berns, Roger Craig and any of the standout runners produced by Nebraska.

Funny, though, the only Cornhusker to win the Heisman was a flanker—Johnny Rodgers in 1972.

"He's the best blocking I-back we've ever had, he catches the ball well and he follows his blockers," Osborne said of Rozier. "And he's physically tough and durable. We've had backs in the past with the ability to win the Heisman, but they didn't. They weren't mentally and physically tough enough to play every week and hold up. Mike has that toughness."

Kansas State Coach Jim Dickey goes beyond even Osborne and Powers with his accolades, which might be expected of a coach whose team has been gouged by Rozier for 584 yards on 63 carries in three games (the NCAA three-year record for one back picking on another team is 601 yards by Cornell's Ed



Marinero against Penn, 1969-71).

"He's the best football player to ever play in this league," Dickey said. "I've never seen such a physical back as he is. He's a real eye-opener. He'd just as soon run over you as around you and that quality is rare. He'd like to have killed two or three of our defensive backs."

Dallas talent scout Brandt characterized Rozier as "not your typical All-America running back in that he'll block and he'll scramble for the loose balls. There was a fumble in the UCLA game where two guys were between him and the ball, but he just plowed through them and got it."

It also was against UCLA that Rozier crafted what ought to be the centerpiece for the Cornhuskers' highlight film.

With Nebraska on the UCLA 2, Rozier ran from the right hash marks to the far left side of the field. Finding his path blocked, he reversed his field and retreated as deep as the 18 before bolting down the right side and into the end zone. All told, Rozier ran roughly 80 yards for what is in the books as a two-yard touchdown play.

"He's strong and has good movement when he runs, although he doesn't have the movement of a Tony Dorsett, an O.J. Simpson or an Eric Dickerson," Brandt said. "He reminds me a lot of Walter Payton when Walter was at Jackson State. Not so much in running style as in personality. He's the same type of kid—enjoys practicing, got a smile on his face all the time, a lot of fun to be around."

"I don't know if he'll ever accomplish what Walter Payton did, but I wouldn't bet against him."

G.M.s in Right Mood to Wheel and Deal

NEW YORK—Chances of your favorite team making a trade at upcoming winter meetings are good, according to Lou Gorman. Swap market has been slow in recent years but Gorman, who lays groundwork for G.M. Frank Cashen of Mets, says interest seemed lively at recent confab of G.M.s in Palm Springs. Mets had chats with Boston, Oakland, Seattle, Cleveland and others in pursuit of lefty pitching and righty hitter. Trades take long time these days. Must be made in phases: feelers at World Series time, prelim offers at G.M. meeting, consummation at winter meetings. In between, research is done on trick clauses in contract, plus discussions with player's

agent to determine willingness to move.

Larry Holmes, prepping for November 25 heavyweight title defense against Marvis Frazier, finishes workouts at Sahara in Vegas by telling audience, "I'm a seventh-grade dropout with a Ph.D. in common sense." Says champ: "I like to tell people I came from nothing to give them hope, to be an inspiration." Having that body of his helped.

Hubie Brown's snide cracks at Kevin Loughery and other NBA coaches are supposed to have Knicks players worried. They fear that opposing players will react roughly on court in defense of their coach. What sort of silliness is that? Most play-

ers read that stuff, snicker, and agree with Hubie. They don't have any deep empathy for their coach. Players feel closer to fellow union members than to coach. He's management.

Remember when Rams blamed deficient security at L.A. Coliseum as one of reasons for moving to Anaheim? Ghost of Carroll Rosenbloom must be grinning as it reads that bandits took \$280,000 concessions swag from Raiders-Seattle game in Coliseum. . . . Back in '78, Marianne Staubach, wife of Roger, was robbed in Coliseum parking lot after Pro Bowl.

After Redskin Hogs were slapped with four holding penalties vs. Chargers, guard Russ Grimm was asked about it. "If the officials want to call it just because I had my hand around the guy's throat, there's nothing I can do about it," said Grimm, a ringleader of Hogs. . . . Did Howard Cosell really say, "It was inevitable," when he read bulletin of

YOUNG IDEAS



By
DICK YOUNG

George Halas' death on air? Tell me about taxes, now, Howie.

Tom Seaver, giving it another shot with Mets, says he would have pitched his targeted 250 innings last season if he hadn't pulled a leg muscle. Hey, that's what being 38 is all about, Tom. Next season it will be a groin or calf muscle, maybe a rib. Be thankful it isn't the arm. . . . Seaver, for having 9-14 season, gets \$50,000 raise to \$750,000. He'll also serve as quasi-official coach.

Chet Simmons says USFL is considering using replays for controversial refs' decision. The USFL would place "competent official" in front of set in press box. If they have competent official, put him on field. The new league fired 12 of its 36 officials since last season. With six expansion teams and expanded staffs, they'll have to hire some 44 new zebras. That should put a dent in unemployment. . . . Ernie Accorsi's player deals are big factor in rebirth of Colts, who come charging into Shea Sunday. He stole placekicker Raul Allegre from Cowboys for ninth-round draft choice—contingent on Allegre staying three weeks with Baltimore. He not only stayed; he'll be getting bonus.

Usual picket clashes during NBA refs labor strife. Richie Phillips, lawyer for picketing officials, claims they were confronted outside Boston Garden with German shepherd guard dogs that "snarled and barked. Says Matt Winick, NBA operations coordinator, "Big German shepherds always are used for crowd control there. What did he expect, poodles?"

George Young, G.M. of grid Giants, talking about how a scout, for any sport, can't rule out an athlete because of his ungainly appearance. "The first scout who recommended Ron Cey," claimed Young, "must have had more guts than anybody in baseball!"

Theater-goers tell me Scott Bakula's portrayal of Joe DiMaggio is highlight of "Marilyn," playing at Minskoff Theater. DiMag is portrayed as only husband who truly loved her. . . . Joe Garagiola never better than in emceeding Gil Hodges Memorial Ball, for Catholic Medical Center. Had packed ballroom at Sheraton Centre roaring with such stories as how Jimmy Piersall used to draw a cross with bat each time he stepped into box. Yogi Berra finally got fed up, rubbed it out of the dirt and said, "Why don't you let God just watch the game?"

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TSN BRIEFING . . .

Monday Night Blues

You don't have to be an economist to comprehend the down-the-road damage done to a product that loses one in every six of its TV viewers. That's what has happened to ABC with the NFL in 1983. (Column on page 13).

Welcome Back

The Houston Oilers snapped a 17-game NFL losing streak, which had included a 55-14 humiliation by Cincinnati a week earlier, by surprising Detroit, 27-17. "We literally rose from the dead," said Coach Chuck Studley. "But it's only one win. It isn't redemption." (NFL roundup on pages 26, 27.)

Bowling

Auburn (Sugar) and Miami (Orange) secured postseason bowl berths with key victories as college football's season built toward a climax. Miami's opponent January 2 will be Nebraska, regardless of the outcome of the Cornhuskers' game with Oklahoma. (College roundup on pages 28, 29.)

Credibility Gap

Donald Trump, millionaire owner of the New Jersey Generals, stopped playing the sports media like a drum long enough to sign disenchanted ex-Chief Gary Barbaro, an excellent defensive back. But defensive backs do not sell tickets. Quarterbacks do, and the USFL needs some creditable ones. (Column on page 32.)

Turnaround Time?

One of destiny's darlings as a member of the 1980 U.S. Olympic team, Mark Johnson has not found pro hockey so rewarding as captain of the Hartford Whalers. All that could change this season, however. (Column on page 36.)

High Hopes

College basketball's four most visible independents—Dayton, DePaul, Marquette and Notre Dame—hope to begin playing one another on a home-and-home basis next year, and even have plans for a four-team tournament at the end of the season. (Column on page 38.)

Schmidt & Co.

Little by little, the balloting for the annual Silver Slugger Awards, which recognize baseball's most effective offensive players, is turning into a Mike Schmidt show. (Story on page 42.)

A Winning Loser

Marvin Hagler was less than marvelous, but managed to retain his middleweight title in the latest fight of the century in Las Vegas. And although challenger Roberto Duran lost, he won back his honor. (Story on page 52.)

No Help Wanted

It took 46 minutes for 26 major league clubs to tell 29 would-be millionaires they weren't wanted. The occasion was the annual re-entry draft, and it turned out to be a total embarrassment for two-thirds of the 45 free agents who had placed themselves on the block. (Story on page 53.)

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OUR OPINION

Baseball's Big-Money Boys

Record attendance figures and soaring TV revenue tell us that baseball's popularity is at an all-time peak. Never have so many had it so good, apparently. How good? Well, if you can measure affluence by the number of lawyers feeding on the spoils, we must conclude that the word recession is not in the baseball vocabulary.

For example, Commissioner Bowie Kuhn has been hauled into court by New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner. Before he leaves office December 31, Kuhn apparently intends to conduct a hearing on Steinbrenner's deportation following American League President Lee MacPhail's decision in the Great Pine Tar Case last summer. Steinbrenner is seeking an injunction to thwart Kuhn.

Perhaps you wouldn't rate this a case of monumental importance, but the commissioner and Steinbrenner seem to think otherwise. Why else would Kuhn be represented in this shootout by eight lawyers, Steinbrenner by six?

While this case requires the talents of 14 barristers, another platoon of counselors is engaged in a hassle over the players' claim that they have the legal right to share in baseball's TV revenues. It's safe to assume that the Major League Players Association and baseball management have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in legal fees and lawyer compensation in this skirmish. And after over a year of maneuvering, the case hasn't even come to trial. They're still taking depositions.

But shoveling money at the lawyers hasn't blunted the owners' desire to keep the players happy. Let's take a look at the terms of shortstop Robin Yount's new contract with the Milwaukee Brewers. Robin will earn \$5.5 million in base salary over the six-year life of the contract, unless he chooses to end it after three years. There are some lush bonuses attached to the deal, too, and in case he can't afford a car, the Brewers are providing one for his use.

But it's the loan arrangements that make Robin's contract a bit out of the ordinary. Within 10 days of signing, he was to receive a \$3 million loan arranged by the Brewers, who also are picking up the interest tab to the extent that Robin will pay a mere six percent.

There's more, as the late-night TV hucksters would assure us. Yount also is getting a \$600,000 loan from the Brewers, interest free, plus a \$100,000 loan "at a small rate of interest."

Then, if Robin elects to stick around for the last three years of the agreement, the Brewers must come up with another loan of \$2 million. Oh yes, one other item: The Brewers are obligated to refinance at 3.5 percent Robin's \$600,000 and \$100,000 loans.

If the Brewers have any problems meeting their commitments, they can always remind the lender that hardly anybody has a better shortstop than Milwaukee's. What banker could ask for better collateral than that? And to think that back in 1978, Robin couldn't make up his mind whether he wanted to be a shortstop or a golfer. He left the Brewers in April of that year while he mulled a decision.

A story in THE SPORTING NEWS of April 22, 1978, reported that "some people close to the situation say Robin does not enjoy the game any more."

Happy now, Robin?



Whatever Happened to Good Taste?

Recently, before the football game between North Carolina and Maryland, while the Tar Heels were warming up, a male cheerleader from Maryland started leading the Maryland students in an obscene and vulgar chant.

I was seated with a group of Maryland alumni and they were embarrassed by this distasteful behavior.

I believe in cheering one's team, but not in a disgusting fashion. Such behavior has no place in college sports and should not be excused or allowed.

ROLAND FAULDERS

Maugansville, Md.

You Could Look It Up

I have a suggestion for those who criticize Atlanta Manager Joe Torre—Look at the Braves' record before his arrival.

WAYNE RICHARDSON

West Columbia, S.C.

Cleveland Needs Winner

It was with great sadness that I read Sheldon Ocker's report, "Cleveland Pondering New Stadium," in the October 24 TSN. As one who has enjoyed many a wonderful game in Municipal Stadium, I would hate to see the Tribe leave it. And I'm not even an Indians fan, I am a baseball fan—a fan who holds a profound appreciation for the game of both today and yesterday.

But one by one, baseball's historical references are disappearing. Ebbets Field, the Polo Grounds, Sportsman's Park and Crosley Field are gone. In place of them we now have the indistinguishable sterile stadiums of Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Artificial turf has replaced natural grass and the arrival of the domed stadium has shut out the fresh air and sunlight.

This is the type of arena that Cleveland would construct for its baseball team. The city believes that this will preserve the sport in northeastern Ohio. (Has the Metrodome helped the Twins' attendance?) No, a domed stadium will not fill the seats in Cleveland. But a winner will. The Indians drew 2,620,627 fans in 1948. That was an American League record until 1980. That year, when the Tribe won the World Series, inclement spring weather didn't bother anybody. Why should it now? If the Indians want to put fans back into the seats all they need do is field a competitive team, something they have not done in decades. And a domed stadium is not going to accomplish that.

Let's try to preserve a bit of baseball history by keeping the Tribe in both Cleveland and Municipal Stadium.

DAVID BUSSAN

North Canton, O.

Changes Are Here to Stay

After reading your October 31 issue, I say that Furman Bisher and Joe Falls should grow up, discontinue their nostalgic rambling and accept change. Baseball is now a game of 26 major league teams, symmetrical parks, domed stadiums, TV domination, million-dollar contracts and artificial grass. That's the way it is and that's the way it will stay.

NILS LARSON

Keene, N.H.

Loves That Sudden Death

There may be some people who are against the new regular-season five-minute overtime period adopted by the National Hockey League this year, but not me. Larry Wigge in his Hockey Hotline column even noted that too many "fuddy-duddy" NHL coaches were complaining about the extra session. They should realize that, to the average fan, a tie is an unsatisfactory conclusion. The sudden-death overtime goal is, to me, the most exciting moment in sports.

DAVE DOWNEY

Englewood, Colo.

Boo to Barnidge

Tom Barnidge's article on the uneducated boo (November 7) deserves a big Bronx cheer.

First of all, fans (educated or otherwise) have always booed officials at sporting events and I have never seen an official change a decision. As long as the officials know the rules and make their decisions based on correct interpretation of the rules, the fans' booing is meaningless.

Secondly, when a fan buys a ticket he has the right to vocalize his opinions regardless of whether or not they are correct. Should we have only "educated" booing for players?

How many times have we seen a player have a bad day and be booed by his hometown fans even though he may have hit three homers the day before and is batting .350? It may not be an "educated" boo, but the fans have a right to voice their disappointment with the player's performance.

Tom Barnidge... Boooooooo!!

DONALD SYMONDS

Lebanon, N.H.

More All-Star Comments

THE SPORTING NEWS baseball All-Star teams were a disappointment. Your choices clearly demonstrate that media exposure (via a winning team) carries more weight and impact

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than individual brilliance. Bill James is right when he espouses that consistency receives less attention than TV coverage.

JOSEPH ARENDS, M.D.

Troy, Mich.

Carlton Fisk ahead of Lance Parrish? Not only did Parrish tie the season record for doubles by a catcher (42), he had more hits, more homers and nearly 30 more runs batted in than Fisk. Parrish also had the best percentage for throwing out baserunners. He is the best catcher in baseball.

LARRY UTTERBACK

Albuquerque

Turnabout Is Fair Play

Considering that a quarterback throws the football an average of about 40 times a game and that Mark Gastineau gets one or two sacks out of 40 attempts, I think offensive linemen around the league should get together and dance in his face everytime they hold him off. A ratio of 38 to 2 should put him in his place.

HENRY RUIZ

New Orleans

Geography Lesson

In reference to a letter in your November 7 issue that came from Truth or Consequences, N.M., my question is where the heck is Truth or Consequences, N.M.?

WILLIAM G. BURKE

Milwaukee

Truth or Consequences, N.M., lies along the Rio Grande between Albuquerque and Las Cruces. You drive in along I-25. It was named for the longtime radio and TV show.

Correcting Conlin

Bill Conlin stated in his October 31 column that Marvell Wynne was originally signed by the New York Mets.

That is incorrect. Wynne was first signed by the Kansas City Royals, reached the Double-A level and then was traded to the Mets in June, 1981, with outfielder John Skinner for pitcher Juan Berenguer.

STEVE PACHTER

St. Louis

A Thirst For Knowledge

After hearing of the courses that Marcus DuPree enrolled in at Southern Mississippi—Home Economics, Recreational Administration, Communications and Physical Education—I can only surmise that a major factor in his decision to switch schools was the toughness of the academic requirements at Oklahoma.

ALLAN EMMONS

Urbana, Ill.

For Washington

Stop bad-mouthing Washington. It's not a bad baseball town. Baseball left Washington in 1960 and 1971 because there was no commitment to field a pennant contender. No owner of a baseball team did for D.C. what Jack Kent Cooke accomplished with the Redskins. There was a commitment to win. That never happened with the Senators. Given proper ownership, baseball would succeed in Washington.

BRUCE S. KAPLAN

Silver Spring, Md.

Burying a Myth

Perhaps now we can put to rest the ridiculous myth that Earl Weaver was singularly responsible for the success of the Baltimore Orioles. Or did Joe Altobelli borrow the "magic mirrors" of Weaver? It's time the national media recognize the Orioles for what they are—the best bunch of ballplayers in the most consistently outstanding organization in all of baseball.

DANIEL STEPHENS

Waco, Tex.

The Correct No. 1

I agree with THE SPORTING NEWS' choice of Texas over Nebraska as the nation's No. 1 college football team. Texas has played a more challenging schedule.

DAVID J. CHAPIN

Willmar, Minn.

Tioga Burns

In his October 12 column, Furman Bisher refers to a utilityman named George Burns, who pinch hit and made two outs in one inning of a famous game in the 1929 World Series.

Just to acquaint Mr. Bisher with the facts, Burns was a 16-year major league veteran with a .307 career batting average, 958 RBIs and more than 2,000 hits.

If it is accurate describe him as a utilityman, then Bisher is a utility writer.

VIC MAESTRI

Old Forge, Pa.

George (Tioga) Burns played just 38 games in 1929, his last major league season. His two-out inning was his only appearance in the '29 Series.

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Granny's Game

Connie Bruegmann of Lansing, Ill., is a couple of months on the haw side of 40, and she's become a grandmother twice in the past eight months. So how does granny get her kicks? In the fall, she plays football, and she showed enough moves to make the All-America team in helping Penguin Pizza of Dolton, Ill., to the Women's National Touch Football League championship.

The Penguins gained an 18-6 victory over their archrival, Mike's PVI of Calumet City, Ill., in the tournament title game November 6 at Johnny Mac's Sports Complex in suburban St. Louis.

Bruegmann keeps in shape because of her job as a physical education instructor at Thornton Fractional South High School in Lansing, south of Chicago. She and her husband, Vic, a Lansing police officer, became grandparents last March when their son's wife gave birth to a daughter and again in August when their own daughter had a boy. So why does grandma Connie need football?

"This keeps me young," said Bruegmann, who proved it by hauling in a 44-yard touchdown pass from Pat McGuire for the clinching touchdown in the national final.

Fourteen teams from the Midwest competed in the tournament before it came down to Penguin vs. Mike's. That matchup was nothing new. "We've played 'em for the championship the last four years in the Calumet City eight-man flag football league," said Bill Risatti, coach of the Penguins. Risatti and his wife, Celeste, have been selling pizza under the Penguin label for the past six months.

Mike's jumped ahead, 6-0, in the championship game on a 40-yard interception return by Joanne Foresta, but a pair of two-yard touchdown runs by McGuire gave the Pens a 12-6 halftime lead. With 45 seconds to play, after Mike's came up short on a fourth-and-one situation, the Penguins put the game on ice with the 44-yard bomb from McGuire to Bruegmann.

McGuire, a recreation director in the Chicago Park District, displayed a rifle arm ("I've got four brothers. I had to learn to throw the ball," she said) and was named the tournament's most valuable player on offense. Penguins rusher Nancy Kickert was the MVP on defense.

Mike's was runner-up for the second consecutive year. The team is coached by Brian Summers, whose wife, Kim, is a standout receiver. The team sponsor is Mike Linkiewicz, who is celebrating his 50th anniversary at the Parkview Inn (PVI) in Calumet City.

Linkiewicz, a bit of an ambassador for the old country, goes around greeting folks, "Hi, swagier." He translates the Polish "swagier" or "swag" to brother-in-law. He calls the girls on his football team "swaggies."

Although second place is second best, Linkiewicz keeps a positive attitude. "I never pass up a church or a bar," he said.

Divine Guidance

Mychal Thompson, a 6-10 center for the Portland Trail Blazers, was a 61.9 percent free-throw shooter his first four years in the National Basketball Association. But he has found the range this season. He shot 73 percent in exhibition games and



By BOB MCCOY,
Executive News Editor



was 7-for-8 in the first two games of the regular season, an 87.5 clip.

"I've got a new technique," Thompson said. "Three bounces. Three bounces, and I say, 'God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost.' I say 'Praise the Lord' when I release it, and the ball goes in every time."

According to the Portland Oregonian, Thompson got his new style from the Rev. Leo Schlegel, pastor of the Aloha Community Baptist Church. "Of all the coaches, he's given me the best advice," Thompson said.

It's Never Over Till . . .

The finish to the Castle-Hammond game in the Indiana high school football playoffs could qualify as a cousin to that California-Stanford game of 1982 in which the Cal player plowed through the Stanford band en route to the winning score.

Castle, which had a 25-game winning streak and was top-ranked in the state, kicked a field goal with two seconds to play and went ahead of Hammond, 21-19. Delirious Castle fans streamed onto the field, and a 15-yard penalty for delay of game was assessed on the kickoff.

In an attempt to prevent a runback, Castle's Chris Brosmer squibbed his kickoff, but the move backfired when lineman Jon Steele fielded the ball and lateraled to Brad Jackson, who raced 45 yards for a touchdown that gave Hammond a 25-21 upset.

The irony was that some Castle fans still were on the field celebrating an apparent victory when Jackson zipped into the end zone.

Ducking the Pros

Back in his days at Louisiana Tech, Phil Robertson once started at quarterback ahead of Terry Bradshaw, who went on to National Football League stardom with the Pittsburgh Steelers. Robertson was invited to try out for the NFL, but passed up the chance for a career as a professional duck caller.

Robertson, 37, said he had no regrets at passing up the opportunity to try out for the Washington Redskins, then coached by Vince Lombardi. Instead, he put up \$30,000 to form a company that makes duck calls and found his calling.

"I took duck hunting over football. People didn't understand," said Robertson. "The talent was there, but I didn't have the heart."

Robertson claims to have perfected a duck call that he said was "the closest thing to a hen mallard that has ever been built." His operation, based in his hometown of Luna, La., does business in all 50 states and in five foreign countries.

44 and Counting No More

Vincent Mayhue, a sophomore running back for Westport High School in Kansas City, was in the fifth grade the last time the Tigers won a football game. On October 29, Mayhue helped Westport end a 44-game losing streak as he rushed for 103 yards, scored a touchdown and ran for a two-point conversion in a 16-0 victory over Kansas City Bishop Hogan.

"People will respect us now," said Mayhue. "We finally did it. People put me down for going to Westport and told me to go to a different school. I'm glad I'm here now."

YOUR QUESTION, PLEASE



By JOHN DUXBURY

Q. Did Ken Hall of Sugar Land, Tex., the player who holds the national high school football touchdown record, ever play college or pro football? . . . Frank K. Keon, Rochester, N.Y.

A. Hall played college football at Texas A&M. In 1954, he led the freshman team in scoring with 30 points in five games and finished as the second-leading rusher (behind John David Crow) with 206 yards on 26 carries. He was a member of the varsity in 1955 and 1956, but he never lettered. He left the Texas A&M team during his junior season.

As a pro, he played with Edmonton in the Canadian Football League in 1957, with the Chicago Cardinals in the National Football League in 1959, with the Houston Oilers in the American Football League in 1960 and 1961 and with the St. Louis Cardinals in the NFL in 1961. (He missed the 1958 season because of an injury.)

In his one season in the CFL, he scored 28 points (including four touchdowns), rushed 48 times for 376 yards, punted 22 times for a 41.2-yard average, caught 15 passes for 370 yards, completed five of seven passes for 96 yards and returned nine kickoffs for 292 yards.

In his two seasons in the NFL, he rushed 14 times for 81 yards, caught seven passes for 98 yards, returned three punts for 91 yards, returned six kickoffs for 99 yards and scored two touchdowns.

In his two seasons in the AFL, he rushed 37 times for 131 yards, caught one pass for 20 yards, returned eight punts for 73 yards, returned 25 kickoffs for 734 yards, punted 14 times for a 32-yard average and scored two touchdowns.

Q. Did pitcher Paul Foytack of the Detroit Tigers give up four consecutive homers in a game? If so, who hit them? . . . Frank Shubert, Wampum, Pa.

A. In the second game of a doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians on July 31, 1963, Foytack, while pitching for the Los Angeles Angels, gave up consecutive homers to Woodie Held, Pedro Ramos, Tito Francona and Larry Brown in the sixth inning. (Foytack had started the '63 season with the Tigers.)

Q. Was there a third-place game played between Louisville and Georgia in the 1983 NCAA basketball tournament? . . . Kenneth F. Bromet, Seattle.

A. No. The third-place game has been dropped from the NCAA Division I tourney. There was no third-place game in either 1982 or 1983.

Q. What were Len Dawson's career statistics as a pro and what is his ranking among quarterbacks? . . . Tom Theisen, Austin, Tex.

A. In his 19 seasons in the National Football League and the American Football League, Dawson completed 2,136 of 3,741 passes for 28,711 yards and 239 touchdowns with 183 interceptions. According to statistics compiled by the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Dawson ranks fourth in passing (behind Otto Graham, Roger Staubach and Sonny Jurgensen) entering the 1983 season with 82.6 rating points. (The ratings include passers with a minimum of 1,500 attempts.)

Q. Which New York team—the Dodgers, Giants, Mets or Yankees—had the highest home attendance total for one season? . . . Vincent Tomarch, Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. The New York Mets, with a home attendance of 2,697,749 in 1970. Other club attendance records for New York teams: Yankees, 2,627,417 in 1980; Dodgers, 1,807,526 in 1947, and Giants, 1,600,793 in 1947.

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Halfback Steve Van Buren is the member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who was born in Honduras (December 28, 1920, in La Ceiba, Honduras).

THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Who was selected in the first round of the National Football League draft two consecutive years but never played in the NFL?

Do you have a question on sports history, records or trivia? If so, send it to John Duxbury, THE SPORTING NEWS, P.O. Box 56, St. Louis, Mo. 63166. Please understand that because of the large volume of mail we cannot answer all questions in the column and we cannot personally respond to letters.

INSIDERS SAY

ERIC HIPPLE, quarterback of the Detroit Lions, who lost a ragged Monday night game to the New York Jets in 1982 and this year beat the New York Giants on Monday night in what Hipple said was "a fiasco" of a game: "Maybe we're even in the laws of chaos."

DAVE LAPHAM, a guard for the Cincinnati Bengals, after sore-necked quarterback Ken Anderson said he would do something special for the offensive linemen who sheltered him during the Bengals' 55-14 trouncing of Houston: "He wasn't specific about what he meant. I imagine it will be beer, now that he's got a distributorship."

JACQUES BURRELLE, general manager of the Montreal Manic, who went out of business after losing \$10 million in the last three seasons in the North American Soccer League: "I don't believe in this league. I stopped believing in it last summer, and the quicker it goes down the better."

JIM HANIFAN, coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, after the club's turnover total rose to 37 in 10 games with five giveaways in a 45-7 loss to the Washington Redskins: "The good Lord is trying to find out how tough we are. I think He wants to know if we can take all this on without going buggy."

MOE IBA, Nebraska basketball coach, ribbing ex-NBA mentor Larry Brown at the Big Eight coaches' preseason press briefing: "I want to welcome Larry Brown. I know he's going to be a great coach for Kansas because I always thought Kansas ran its program like a pro team."

For Daughter With Everything

ST. LOUIS—Monique Tarantini, a Westover, W.Va., teen-ager, received an unusual birthday present. Her father, John Tarantini, built her a 600-seat gymnasium about a 10-minute walk from the Tarantini home,

and installed glass backboards, a Jacuzzi and brass faucets in the shower room. "I figured she would be better off playing there than in our driveway," said the father. Monique, the leading scorer in West Virginia girls basketball history, is a 5-8 guard, averaging 36 points a game for St. Francis High School in Morgantown and is said to be the object of recruiters from 80 colleges. "We play all our home games there," said Dorothy Simons, Monique's coach at St. Francis High. "What's funny is when college coaches call and ask, 'Where are you playing tonight?' I answer, 'Tarantini Gym,' and they say, 'She has her own gym?' I'm not sure they believe me all the time." John Tarantini, who heads a firm that manufactures coal mining equipment, declined to reveal construction costs of the gym. He said it could in the future be converted to a banquet hall or perhaps a mini-mall. . . . American League Cy Young Award winner LaMarr Hoyt of the White Sox walked 31 batters in 260²/₃ innings (one every 8.41 innings) for the second best walks-per-game ratio since the award was established in 1956. The Cubs' Ferguson Jenkins had the best record, with 37 walks (one per 8.78 innings) when he won the National League Award in 1971.

ONE FOR THE BOOK: After being acclaimed winner of the Seagram's Seven Crowns of Sports Award as baseball's best player, Dan Quisenberry suggested that the Seagram's computer, which named him over outfielder Dale Murphy of the Braves, should have chosen Expos outfielder Andre Dawson. "When you think of the best player in the major leagues," said the Royals' ace reliever, "I think of Andre Dawson. He can do so many things. I don't even play in the same league as Dawson, but he has to be the best. I'm only a part-time player. I don't even consider myself a super athlete. I'm only an average athlete. I can't play tremendous defense, I don't hit and I'm not a very fast runner." . . . The San Diego Chargers have been taking their lumps this season, losing seven of their first 10 games, and Coach Don Coryell has been avoiding the public. "I've been trying to hide in my office to get away from the fans," said Coryell. "I've even told my wife not to shop twice in the same place." . . . Think the Reds haven't slipped? In 1982, Cincinnati was led by Dan Driessen and Cesar Cedeno, each with 57 runs batted in. Ron Oester led the struggling Reds this year with 58 RBIs. . . . North Carolina State basketball Coach Jim Valvano chuckles at the suggestion he's a Joe Namath look-alike. "The difference between Joe Namath and me is that when you make the money he makes, they say you're ruggedly handsome," said Valvano. "When you make the money I make, they say you have a big nose." . . . Montreal punsters are counting on rookie outfielder Razor Shines to stick with the Expos next spring. Then, as Montreal Gazette columnist Michael Farber notes, "left field will be covered, come (Tim) Raines or Shines."

AROUND THE HORN: The Major League Players Association has installed a new computer with which it hopes to match athletes with the proper agent. As part of the association's services to members, brief sketches of the many player agents will be entered in the system and the list will be made available to any player upon request. Kenneth E. Moffett, executive director of the association, said the compilation will include each agent's "pedigree," the type of service he provides, including taxes and investments, along with his educational and professional background and the names of his clients. One benefit of the service, said Moffett, is that a player will be able to compare his current agent with others in terms of fees and services. . . . Auburn, Florida State, UCLA, Florida, Penn State, Missouri, Mississippi State, Purdue, Minnesota and Georgia Tech are playing the 10 toughest college football schedules in the nation this year, according to Kickoff, a national publication that assigns power ratings to all conferences and major college Division IA teams. . . . Readers Warren E. Donaldson of Louisville, John Serrano of Sun Valley, Calif., and Daniel W. Haglund of Baudette, Minn., were first to charge us with an error on a Mike Boddicker note. The Orioles righthander was the first rookie to lead the American League, not the major leagues, in shutouts since Hod Lisenbee with the 1927 Washington Senators. . . . Ralph McKenzie, still serving as receivers coach at Eureka College, celebrated his 89th birthday. He was President Ronald Reagan's head coach at the Illinois school.

WHEEL OF FORTUNE: The name of A. Bartlett Giamatti, president of Yale University, has resurfaced as a strong candidate for the commissioner's post being vacated by Bowie Kuhn. . . . From the NFL grapevine come

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Associate Editor

reports that the St. Louis Cardinals, concerned about sagging season ticket sales, a decline in attendance and another losing season, are considering a coaching change with an eye on Illinois Coach Mike White. . . . The figure filberts tell us that since 1940 the average job span for a National League manager is 2.8 years. . . . Oklahoma's Barry Switzer may be the winningest coach in NCAA Division I, but let's not overlook the record of Coach Dave Maurer of Wittenberg University in Springfield, O., writes David P. Anderson, trial court administrator in the Superior Court of New Jersey. At last count, Maurer's Division III record was a spectacular 128-22-3 over 14 seasons. . . . Professional golfer Tom Weiskopf has been commissioned to design a golf course in Arizona. "It's the first job he's had since I married him," said Weiskopf's wife, Jeanne.

FOOTNOTES: Refurbishing of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium calls for lowering the playing surface by six feet, and the

installation of prescription turf and permanent movable seats, erected on tracks, like at Busch Stadium in St. Louis. . . . The Oregon State basketball team, No. 10 in THE SPORTING NEWS preseason ratings, expects to earn \$404,450 from television appearances in the 1983-84 campaign. . . . Former major leaguer Dee Fondy wonders if there's such a thing as reincarnation. "I'd like to come back as a utility infielder, or a Triple Crown-winning horse," said Fondy. "I could either sit on the bench for 20 years and draw a tremendous pension, or spend the rest of my life as a stud." . . . Chicago Bears players, suggesting that their hot-tempered coach, Mike Ditka, has a split personality, call him "Sybil" behind his back. . . . Joe Altobelli, manager of the world champion Orioles, has the utmost respect for Jim Palmer, a three-time Cy Young Award winner in his prime. "But," said Altobelli, "when you talk to Palmer, you do a lot of listening."

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Only Saskatoon Blue— If the Honeymoon Lasts

ST. LOUIS—After 15 games of the National Hockey League schedule, the St. Louis Blues were 7-7-1, a pace that was not apt to be confused with that of a burgeoning Stanley Cup champion. They had been winning at home, losing on the road and displaying widely contrasting degrees of skill. But what was eminently more significant, at least to their local fans, was that they remained identified with the city of St. Louis.

They had been rumored en route to Saskatoon, you know, and hardly anyone is ever rumored going there. They had been sold, we were told. Then, they'd been abandoned. Finally, they were the subject of two lawsuits. The Blues were the main figures in the kind of melodrama that should have been written for daytime television.

Tuning in, we saw Ralston Purina, the despondent former owner, wringing its hands and wiping its brow. Oh, woe, was the Blues' downward path. Whatever they were winning on the ice, they were losing in the books—\$3 million before taxes, the owners said.

Fade out. Change scenes.

Within the ever-so-dignified headquarters of the ever-so-proper NHL were a half-dozen stuffed shirts, adjusting their ties and a harrumphing in gravel-throated voices, "The NHL does not play in Saskatoon."

The players could be seen shrugging their shoulders when they weren't scratching their heads. They asked: How does a dispersal draft work?

The St. Louis city fathers wore dizzied looks and furrowed brows. The sky is falling, they said.

Onward dragged the plot, until the NHL amateur draft had passed and the Blues had not taken part. Slowly, it churned, until the league's schedule maker was forced to consider countless alternative plans.

Finally—ugh, thud, clang and clatter—the Blues fell earthward and landed on their feet. And, in retrospect, we see it was an unlikely, heretofore unknown, stranger who stepped

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forward to write the end of the story.

Harry Ornest, a Canadian living in California, who had made his fortune in vending machines, teen-fair expositions, real estate and minor-league baseball, was jogging along a beach near his Beverly Hills home when the thought of owning the St. Louis Blues overtook him.

"When I heard the Blues were for sale," he said, "I couldn't believe that no one wanted them."

He recited all of the compulsory platitudes that new owners are required to recite. The city was warm. The people were wonderful. The fans were the best in the world. (Doesn't it amaze you how the best fans in the world wind up in so many different towns?)

It was pure nonsense, said Ornest, that the Blues couldn't turn a profit the way things were. Whack off a few salaries, raise some ticket prices, negotiate a share of the concessions... and, of course, take full advantage of the depreciation allowance on players for tax purposes.

It has worked considerably to his advantage, too, that the league desperately wanted a new owner residing somewhere other than in Saskatoon. The league arranged two notes for \$9 million (no interest, no collateral) that Ornest will pay back only as the Blues return a profit. For practical purposes, that means whenever he feels like it.

Oh yes, the city fathers rounded up investors who supplied \$3 million in working capital. And Ornest pitched in \$3 million of his own to show he was serious about the venture.

The fans of St. Louis have been at least marginally thankful for the salvage job that's been done. Average attendance (12,758) had risen more than 1,200 per game compared to the same number of dates at this time last season.

A modest cable television package beckons in the near future. New luxury suites are now being offered for Blues games. The player payroll has been pared by at least \$500,000, and the great disaster now seems so far away.

What remains so terribly hard to accept is that black can be turned to white, yearly financial failure redirected to success. What also seems unlikely in these days of corporate power is a private owner who can compete.

What was Bill Veeck saying about dinosaurs? What is Calvin Griffith about to do with his Twins?

Is it possible in these snide and cynical days that fairy tales can come true?

I'll own up to my own intuition. I don't think so.

Is Writer's Job Justified?

SAN FRANCISCO—Should an individual who inhabits press boxes look beyond the stadium rim? Is someone paid to write about illusion permitted the luxury of discussing reality?

"The main business of a sportswriter," asserted one Michael Novak, "is to describe what happened in athletic events. The contents are the forms of his craft. Everything else is secondary."

Michael Novak, naturally, is not a sportswriter but, according to a biographical note, "an intellectual." Novak is a professor of philosophy; his book is about sports.

At a journalism society meeting in San Francisco a sports columnist questions his role. He points out that young men are dying in Lebanon on a Sunday when other young men are playing football in America.

"Why are sportswriters so full of guilt?" an audience member wonders. "You wouldn't hear a music critic worrying about reviewing the opera."

What are the priorities? Is it correct to criticize a blocked punt when Marines deploy on Grenada? Is a listing of the athletes' salaries good journalism or bad taste? Where does sport stop and life begin?

A few hours after President Reagan was shot in March 1981, Indiana played North Carolina for the NCAA basketball championship. Numerous sportswriters were repelled. Their disgust found print.

"I know of no basketball fan who agreed with the sports columnists," wrote Robert D. Novak. He is no relation to Michael Novak but rather co-author with Rowland Evans of the syndicated political commentary, *Inside Report*.

"While fans view sports as an escape from reality whose attraction is its sheer frivolity, many sportswriters seem resolved to drag sports away from fantasy into the real world's harshness," argued Robert D. Novak.

Recruiting violations, dirty play, cocaine addiction, television rights, seven-figure contracts, free agency, violence—is this the sheer frivolity which attracts? Where are we escaping? To Hades?

**ART
SPANDER**



Is it possible to watch flag-draped coffins removed from military transports and not agonize? Why should newspapers juxtapose headlines of Beirut tragedy and 49er failure?

"You're a sportswriter?" the lawyer says, gasping. "I'd give anything to be a sportswriter. That's got to be the greatest job in the country." It is. Yet, it still is a job, a job without specific parameters, a job some illuminate and others denigrate.

Michael Novak, philosopher, is a fan. Robert N. Novak, political columnist, is a fan. Newspaper editors are fans; team owners are fans; housewives are fans; sportswriters are not fans, except silently. He or she stands apart.

"No man is a hero to his valet," reminds an old French saying. Writers are the valets of sport. They hear the lies, view the problems. Their loyalty is to the truth, not an athletic organization. But their position often is abused and compromised.

Sportswriting has heroes and jerks. But who is to decide? Was it clever copy or poor judgment when a San Francisco columnist discussed the physique of San Jose State Coach Jack Elway? Is it more important to be famous or honest?

A baseball strike lasted 50 days. A football strike lasted 57 days. Cocaine has given new meaning to the phrase "keeping the game within the white lines." Terrorists attack the Olympics as well as our military bases. Such is our escape.

In Washington, the nation's capital, leader of the free world, site of decisions which affect mankind, the population has one obsession: the Redskins.

A Super Bowl victory brought euphoria. Who can speculate what the reaction might be to peace in our time? Who took the Soviets and the points?

The late quarterback and coach, Norm Van Brocklin, was asked to describe his surgery a few years ago. "It was a brain transplant," he said. "I got a sportswriter's brain, so I could be sure I had one that hadn't been used."

Sport is an overwhelming part of American culture. Sport is the mythic area where a nation's youth theoretically discerns the difference between right and wrong. Sport is Woody Hayes and Norm Ellenberger and guys shaving points.

Sport is what Robert Novak and Michael Novak wish to dissociate from all else.

A San Francisco Examiner writer did in 1939, reporting on the record-setting pole vault by Cornelius Warmerdam.

"The eyes of the world are on Fresno today..." his story began.

That afternoon, Germany invaded Poland.

Bring on the pompon girls.

ASK THE REFEREE



By HAL LEBOVITZ

Q. Giants vs. Cowboys: Butch Woolfolk is running downfield and is hit on the Dallas 1-yard line. He fumbles the ball, it goes into the end zone and then rolls out of bounds with no one touching it. Do the Giants get the touchdown even though Woolfolk was never in the end zone? I say yes. A friend says it's the Giants' ball at the 1. Who is right? ... Howard Riggs, Rochester, N.Y.

A. Neither. This becomes a touchback and the Cowboys get the ball on the 20. That's the kind of season the Giants have been having.

Q. In a National Hockey League game between the Bruins and the Canadiens, Rick Middleton shoots the puck to the Montreal zone from his side of the red line. Barry Pederson hustles in and hits the puck before any Canadian can, nullifying the icing. But the puck traveled over two lines. This should be a two-line pass which constitutes an offside, shouldn't it? ... Sean Collins, Malden, Mass.

A. It certainly should and it certainly is.

Q. Could a receiver, in the end zone near the goal posts, leap to catch the ball and then, before touching the back line, grab onto a goal post and swing himself back inbounds? What is the ruling in high school, college and the pros? ... Kelly Durian, Iowa City, Ia.

A. The goal posts are out of bounds on all levels of football. The player is out of bounds even before he lands. It's an incomplete pass. Perhaps he should try out for the gymnastics team.

Q. In baseball's League Championship Series, how is it decided which parks the teams play in first? Does this also decide which team gets three games in its park? Finally, do these same rules apply to the World Series? ... James Ackerman, Bridgman, Mich.

A. It's all set up in advance, on a rotating basis. This year the American League playoffs opened in the city of the East Division champion. Next year, they will open in the West. The National League playoffs began in the West Division winner's park. Next year, they will open in the East. The first two games are played in the opening city and the final three in other team's park.

The World Series has the same alternating formula. This year the Series opened in Baltimore, home of the American League champion. Next year it will open in the National League champ's park. Two games are played in the opening city, the next three in the opposition's park and the final two games, if needed, return to the initial site.

Q. College football rules: Starting the second half, Team A's kicker gets under the ball and his short, high boot comes down on Team B's 45-yard line, where a receiver gives the fair-catch signal. Just as he puts the ball away, he is hit by a Team A player and fumbles. Team A recovers. I say that since he signaled for the fair catch, Team A should receive a penalty for hitting the receiver and Team B keeps the ball. My friends say that a fair catch is not valid on a kickoff and that the play stands. Who's right? ... Jim Casto, Stat's Mills, W. Va.

A. A fair catch can be called on any kick and it must be respected. You called it right. Your friends will have to look at you with new respect.

Q. After a safety in pro football when the ball is kicked from the 20, does the punter get credit for the distance of the punt on his punting record and is the return credited as a punt return? ... Jim Peppett, Framingham, Mass.

A. This is a kickoff and the statistics are recorded as a kickoff and a kickoff return. Punts are from scrimmage only.

Q. I'd like to know if the players in the NFL are fined when they spike the football in the end zone? ... Jay Casello, Vienna, Va.

A. There's no fine for spiking or dancing in the end zone. If a player gets too carried away and throws the ball into the stands, the fine is an automatic \$5,000.

Please direct your questions to "Ask the Referee," c/o Hal Lebovitz, The Plain Dealer, 1801 Superior Ave., Cleveland, O. 44114. A self-addressed stamped envelope must be included; otherwise, your letter will not be answered.

NASCAR Fine Didn't Prove To Be Petty

ATLANTA — From the day the first race was run, the Petty family has been a part of NASCAR. That's National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing for those who came in late.

The "pit crew" was a couple of guys who came along because they could get in free. The driver often as not got out to help change the tires and check the oil himself.

That day, Lee Petty, patriarch of the family, never finished. His car came to rest on the bank of a turn. He opened the door and sat there looking forlornly across the oval west of Charlotte, then had to drive home to Level Cross and explain to his wife where he'd been and why the family car looked so beat up.

The first time his boy, Richard, thought he had won a race, here came the old man storming into the short celebration challenging him. He said the race was his, not the kid's, because the kid was a lap behind. When they checked on it, the old man was right. Richards was placed second.

Well, Richard has made up for it 198 times. No other stock-car racer, or any other kind of racer, has come even close. When he made his first \$1 million on the track, they had a little party for him. NASCAR was proud of this. It was still the "po' white trash" of racing to the rest of the country, a bunch of good ol' boys who talked funny, came out of the hills and were trying to live down the old bootlegging family tree.

Since then, Richard's won five times that much, and they've quit counting. Lee Petty retired to play golf, and Mama Petty long ago quit trying to keep the books.

"Mama was the one that run the operation," Richard said. "Daddy would come home with \$1,000 from a race and Mama wouldn't give him but half of it back to run the next one. She put the rest in the bank."

Things aren't like they used to be, and won't be again. It was winning No. 198 that did it. After 25 years, Petty Enterprises won't include Richard anymore. It won't look right when you pick up the paper and read "Richard Petty, Kannapolis, N.C.," instead of "Level Cross, N.C."

They ran a check on the machine in which Richard won the 500-mile race at Charlotte in October, and it turned out the engine violated specifications and left and right side tires had been switched. Left-wheel tires are softer, and the pressure is different. The rule says you don't swap them around.

The race already was run, the results were in and Richard Petty's victory was allowed to stand. But Richard didn't sit still. "I'm just the guy that drives it. I don't know what goes on in the garage," he said, and although the chief mechanic was his own brother, Maurice, he switched rather than fight.

He did it his way. They don't call him "The King" for no good reason. He was fined \$35,000, the purse, and stripped of 102 points in the Winston Cup standings. That wasn't all. "I had to pay the tax on the \$35,000, because it was money I had won," he said.

In these Edgar Bergen-Charley McCarthy times of the athlete-agent game, the ball-playing employee would have screamed in anguish and cried, "I'll sue!" Not Richard Petty. He took it without a whimper.

"I hope I stand for something that reflects to the good of NASCAR," he said. "I hope that means something good will come of this. People ought to realize now there are no saints out here."

"I've got to think that anything that's good for NASCAR is good for Richard Petty. I think the penalty was strong enough to get everybody's attention. If they'll do that to Richard Petty, they'll say, 'Think what they'd do to anybody else.' NASCAR will have to admit it hasn't been doing its job; now it'll have to."

So what is happening is, Richard is pulling out of the Petty operation. Nobody knows what went on behind the closed garage doors. Being the kind of family they are, the Pettys didn't air their dirty linen.

"Maurice is going to retire for awhile. He had polio when he was four, and he has had a serious operation lately and hasn't been well. Now Petty Enterprises becomes Kyle," said Richard.

Kyle Petty is a bright, handsome, delightful 23-year-old who has been sharing the Petty stable with his dad.

"He'll take over from his daddy like I took over from my daddy," Richard said. "He's 23; I was 23. It's time he had his own chance."

But Richard remains the champion, "The King," the image of stock-car racing, seven times the champion of NASCAR and seven times the winner of its premier race, the Daytona 500. No Indianapolis experimenting for him, no Grand Prix adventure among the heel-clickers, the scarf-wearers and champagne-guzzlers in victory lane. He was born into stock cars, was made wealthy in stock cars, and when he drives his last race, it'll be in old No. 43.

FURMAN BISHOP



DETROIT — We have many awards in baseball. Maybe too many.

We have the MVP, Cy Young, Manager of the Year, Player of the Year, Comeback of the Year, Rookie of the Year, etc., etc.

In my town, forgive us, we are offering another award. It is called the Big Ed Award.

The award is named for Ed Browalski, a writer for the Polish Daily News. He is the man who keeps the Detroit chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America humming. The award is named for Big Ed because (1) he is a big guy and (2) he is a nice guy.

We decided this would be an informal award. Some years we'll give it, some years we won't. It'll be an award without any rules, except one: We'll give it to nice people who help us in our jobs of covering baseball in Detroit.

The first award is going to Enos Cabell, the pappy-type guy who is such an important part of the Tigers. He is being honored simply because of his common decency.

The Big Ed Award is our way of saying thanks to a man who tried to understand that we writers have a job to do at the ball park, as well as the players. Writers and players come into contact daily, so why shouldn't they act as decently as possible to one another?

If there are differences, it's because we have different aims. The players work for the ball club, we work for our newspapers. It is amazing the problems this can create.

I have found that the players view us in very simple terms: If you write good things about them, you are a good

JOE FALLS



guy. If you write bad things about them, you are a bad guy. Happily, there are exceptions, and Enos Cabell is one of them.

He does not court our favor, but neither does he back away when we come around with our questions. (That must be a tough thing to handle—to play a game in which your emotions are stretched to the limit and then, within moments, have a group of guys come streaming into the dressing room and ask you all kinds of questions about what went on. I'm not sure I could handle that in writing my column.)

Anyway, Cabell was always cooperative, even on the worst days. He would listen to our questions and answer them patiently and intelligently. He never glossed over the facts, either. When his team was bad, he'd let you know. When things were going well, he'd let you know that, too.

I was amazed he could get away with saying some of the things he did, but what it got down to is that he was speaking the truth and that's always hard to argue with.

We writers probably went to Cabell too much. He'd always tell us the mood of the team, what was right, what was wrong. He never let us down and he was always quotable.

What I liked is that he was never political. He never sought us out or tried to foist his feelings on us. It was always a case of us going to him, and him responding in a way that was refreshing.

He seemed to understand what we were trying to do.

If the athletes think we are so important to their careers, you'd think they would want to know as much about us as we do about them. All they want to know, generally, is whether they're going to be praised or knocked.

That's why Enos Cabell is getting the first Big Ed Award. He was a big man in time of success and failure, a man who conducted himself on the highest plane possible in his dealings with the writers who covered the Tigers. This is our way of thanking him for being so thoughtful.

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**A.L.
BEAT**

By
PETER GAMMONS



Rod Carew, J.R. Richard, Randy Moffitt and Bert Campaneris were taken by no one in the re-entry draft. Manny Trillo, Amos Otis, Richie Hebner, Bake McBride, Tom Underwood and Jim Bibby each had one taker. Ted Simmons, Dave Parker and Doug Bair were selected by two clubs and Warren Cromartie was chosen by three clubs.

It's not that these players are unwanted. It's just that no one wants them at some of their self-declared values. The Angels, for instance, had offered Carew, a 40-RBI man who is a defensive liability, a salary of \$882,000, an awful lot for what he contributes. Trillo, whose Philadelphia hype may far exceed his talent, did nothing in 1983, then turned down \$500,000 a year for two years from the Expos and announced he wanted something in the five-year, \$4 million range. Parker, who hasn't knocked in 80 runs since 1979 when he began eating his last megabucks contract, turned down \$600,000 from the Pirates.

Now, all of them are being told that if they want to keep earning hundreds of thousands of dollars, they're going to have to do so at some semblance of the market price. After all, Parker has done nothing for four years to suggest that he is more than an average—if that—player asking for money based on what he did during the Carter Administration.

The lack of interest in the draft was hardly unexpected. Most of the potential quality free agents were tied up before the draft. With more teams backing off, the market price on free agents should be more realistic. And, when a free agent is drafted by fewer than four clubs, a team signing that player doesn't risk losing a draft choice as compensation.

"That is one way of signing a free agent and sticking by the farm system approach," said Sandy Alderson, Oakland's vice-president of baseball operations. If, for instance, the A's had been forced to give up a first draft choice as well as the money to Billy Almon a year ago, they probably wouldn't have signed him. But because he was drafted by fewer than four clubs, they didn't have to surrender the draft pick. "That," said Alderson, "is important to clubs."

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Boston's first contract proposal to Dwight Evans was for more per year than anyone in the history of the Red Sox franchise ever had been paid, so that may signal an ownership change. . . . The Red Sox offered pitchers Dennis Eckersley and

Mark Clear to California for first baseman Daryl Sconiers and pitcher Mike Witt. The Angels put the proposed trade on hold pending the signing of either Carew or Pete Rose, and apparently they preferred Carew over Rose. . . . Buzzie Bavasi, president of the Angels, gave out some astronomical contracts to keep some of his players out of free agency: \$2.75 million for three years to catcher Bob Boone, \$2.7 million with \$900,000 in incentives for appearing in 150 games to third baseman Doug DeCinces, \$900,000 plus nearly as much in incentives to outfielder Ellis Valentine (who was on a month-to-month contract last year) and \$2.025 million plus \$450,000 in incentives for three years to outfielder Brian Downing. And where, people, keep asking, does Gene Mauch, the new general manager, fit in? And do Bavasi's signings mean he's on a kamikaze collision course with Mrs. Jackie Autry? When it comes to the Angels, things are never dull, no matter where they finish in the standings.

As Bruce Bochte tried to make up his mind among the A's, Royals and Red Sox, he wasn't trying to hold up anyone in his salary demand and didn't promise that last year's layoff, after retiring from the Mariners, wouldn't affect him. Bochte and agent Tony Attanasio laid out their request—approximately \$1 million for two years, including a sizable amount deferred—and stated that no one would outbid that. Then Bochte said, "I can't honestly say how the layoff will affect me. I think it may have helped heal some injuries, but it's a risk I have to take and I guess the club has to take." Neither the Royals nor Red Sox blinked at his request. Bochte's reputation as an individual is that strong. . . . Bill Lajoie, the new G.M. of the Tigers, had stated unequivocally that "if Milt Wilcox goes through the re-entry draft, we won't draft him." But Lajoie admitted that trade possibilities are diminished, so the Tigers did draft Wilcox and will try to re-sign the veteran righthander. . . . The Tigers still are not set at the corners of the infield. Howard Johnson has played first, third and the outfield in the Florida Instructional League, and the same goes for Barbaro Garbey. Now, there's even talk that Glenn Wilson might try third base again.

There were two curious omissions from the Yankees' organizational meeting guest list in Tampa—Manager Billy Martin and coach Lee Walls, Martin's bobo. All the other coaches were invited. G.M. Murray Cook tried to state that Billy was really invited, so it may or may not mean anything. . . . Rangers G.M. Joe Klein returned from the Florida Instructional League raving about shortstop Jeff Kunkel, the club's first-round draft pick last June. "I hate to make comparisons," said Klein, "but he looks to me like a switch-hitting Robin Yount." In two years, the Rangers expect to have a switch-hitting double play combination of Curtis Wilkerson and Kunkel. . . . The Mariners, preparing to trade reliever Bill Caudill, were mulling over three catching possibilities—Mike Heath of the A's, Ernie Whitt of the Blue Jays and Butch Wynegar of the Yankees. A deal between the Yankees and Mariners would hinge on whether New



Rod Carew . . . Too expensive.

York signed Goose Gossage or Kent Tekulve. If the Yanks can't sign either one, they will have to deal for a righthanded short man, and have told the M's that they will part with Wynegar and Steve Balboni for Caudill.

Gordon Lakey, the Astros scout who covers the American League, kept track of odd statistics and found that batters swung 57 percent of the time at first-pitch strikes, and that 58 percent of the time they swung at the first strike they saw, period. It should come as no surprise that Boston's Wade Boggs, the league batting champion, took the most first strikes. Lakey, who saw each A.L. team a minimum of 18 games, saw opposing pitchers throw Boggs a first-pitch strike 39 times. Boggs swung twice. White Sox pitching coach Dave Duncan has a theory that the batting average on first-pitch strikes is under .200, which is why he preaches throwing the first pitch for a strike. . . . The toughest A.L. player to fan? Minnesota's Mickey Hatcher, who whiffed 19 times in 375 at-bats, once per 19.7 at-bats. . . . Baltimore attorney Ron Shapiro, who heads Personal Management Associates, put out a fascinating 10-page brochure on free agent client Danny Ford entitled "Dan Ford and You—A Winning Combination." Montreal agent Cookie Lazarus distributed an eight-pager on Warren Cromartie. . . . Agent Dave Lemanczyk is suing Dave Stieb for \$600,000 because Stieb went out and negotiated his own deal with the Blue Jays.

Kids in Instructional Leagues Show Zip

PHILADELPHIA—In his November 7 column, Joe Falls wondered what it's like in the instructional leagues. Having just completed a brief visit to the Florida Instructional League, I can assure him it's terrific. Many of the kids

**N.L.
BEAT**

By
BILL CONLIN



are teen-age prospects full of life and promise, even though many of them have played close to 200 games since March.

The games are free, but spectators usually consist of scouts and players' wives. One of the thrusts of an instructional league program is to improve fundamental skills, so the games are crammed with hit-and-run plays, suicide squeezes and base-stealing.

The FIL uses the DH (even National League entries) and a unique rule whereby the home team bats in the bottom of the ninth, even if it is leading by 15-0. The idea, of course, is to get players as many at-bats as possible and an extra inning of work for the pitchers.

The fall programs in Florida and Arizona aren't always limited to kids. Dale Murphy was in Florida working on his batting stroke just before he was named MVP last year.

A scout watched a righthanded Mets reliever with a nasty sinker and hard slider mowing down Philadelphia farmhands one afternoon. The pitcher's number wasn't listed in the program, but the scout took notes anyway. It turned out the unlisted pitcher was varsity reliever Doug Sisk. Expos righthander David Palmer was down there this fall, trying to come back from arm miseries.

One unique feature of the FIL, which uses big league spring training facilities: In March, the players' parking lots are filled

with Mercedes, Porsches and Corvettes; in November you rarely see an auto more elegant than an Olds Cutlass.

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Cubs G.M. Dallas Green reportedly nixed a blockbuster deal with the Expos that would have sent stars Steve Rogers and Gary Carter to Chicago for Leon Durham, Jody Davis and rookie hotshots Carmelo Martinez and Joe Carter. The Cubs reportedly would have given the Expos their choice of any pitcher but Lee Smith and thrown in \$500,000 in cash. That's the kind of deal that brings on sanity hearings. . . . Green seems to float a rumor like that every fall, just to get the fans' attention. Not that Chicago fans have many distractions after the baseball season. Last October, it was Durham going to the Phillies for about half the roster. Most "deals" like that originate at 3 a.m. in "Can you top this?" sessions.

How come every time an aging, overpaid underachiever fails to get drafted in the annual re-entry farce, there are cries of "collusion"? For the other 364 days of the year, you would be hard pressed to find five baseball owners willing to agree that the sun sets in the west. Then the re-entry draft rolls around, and suddenly, the owners are accused of spreading an epidemic of unity. Hey, for every good reason why a club should gamble on a Rod Carew, Dave Parker, Manny Trillo, et al, there are five good reasons why it shouldn't. . . . "We had some interest in some people," said Mets G.M. Frank Cashen, who made no selections. "But you look at the price and you end up thinking it's just not worth it. In the case of Carew and Parker, they are coming into this thing already making around \$1 million. That has to scare away a lot of teams." . . . Remember, nobody knows a free agent better than the club that is willing to let him walk away. If owners were able to unite on anything, baseball would have a new commissioner and the American League would have a new president.

One of the wilder rumors to surface in New York the day of the draft made former Phils owner Ruly Carpenter a candidate for the A.L. presidency. Free agency, fiscal chaos and a drug

scandal drove Ruly to sell a club. So now he's willing to oversee the problems of 14 clubs? Not quite. . . . The Tigers reportedly will make a hard run at former Giants slugger Darrell Evans, the first free agent they have drafted in five years. Evans is built for Tiger Stadium, and Manager Sparky Anderson has always liked him. With 17 clubs bidding for Evans, the Giants' chances of re-signing him are on the order of peace being declared in the Middle East.

Interest in fringe players such as the Astros' Denny Walling and Frank LaCorte and Montreal reliever Dan Schatzeder continued a re-entry draft trend. G.M.s appear more interested in using the process to build bench and bullpen depth than to turn the franchise around. And it was almost pitiful to see the Giants selecting Ted Simmons because they refused to renegotiate with Evans last year, when they probably could have locked him up for far less than the salary the slugger now can command, what with the leverage provided him by 17 drafting clubs.

Superscout Ray (Snacks) Shore did not stay on the unemployment rolls long. Shore, let go by the Reds after a 21-year association, has been hired by the Phillies. He will share advance scouting duties with Hugh Alexander. . . . Joe Morgan probably will surface with the Oakland A's. He lives close to the Oakland Coliseum and the A's feel he can make a contribution to a young team. Joe also should give a boost to home attendance. . . . With friends like Larry Flynt in his corner, Pete Rose hardly needs enemies. . . . If you want to know the difference between the major leagues in the U.S. and Japan, Terry Whitfield, once a journeyman for the Giants, led the Seibu Lions to a 43 victory over the Yomiuri Giants in the best-of-seven Japan Baseball Series. Whitfield had 38 homers and 109 RBIs during the 119-game regular season. That projects to 52 homers over 162 games. Steve Ontiveros, a journeyman third baseman for the Giants and Cubs, led the league with 153 hits and batted .321. Reggie Smith, who led Tokyo's Yomiuri club into the playoffs, earned \$1 million and had a big year.

Bad Luck Dogs ABC on Monday Nights

BOSTON—The last time the National Football League's television ratings were checked, the question arose of where all the fans had gone.

That was five weeks into the season, 30 percent of the 16-game schedule.

The latest survey follows nine weeks of games, just past the halfway mark, and while it still doesn't answer where the fans were early on, it does say where they are now on Sunday afternoons. They are back in front of their TV sets.

CBS has drawn within 4 percent of its record 1981 rating season. NBC, which was down 12 percent earlier, is now 10 percent off, still a sizable deficit.

But with cold weather, early darkness and more important games looming from a variety of choices, both Sunday networks should narrow

when there is such a thin line now between success and failure on the playing field.

This uncertainty can be turned to the advantage to the Sunday networks, which are able to shift games into various markets during the preceding week.

If more teams emerge with 9-7 and 8-8 records, the pool of playoff contenders increases, adding appeal to games televised into a neutral territory because they impact on that region's home club.

Delaying selection of Monday night games is not an answer because it would be logistically very difficult and a terrible

inconvenience for season ticketholders.

Some critics contend that Howard Cosell's presence reduces the Monday night TV audience; others claim he enhances it.

The issue was tested when Cosell took an unprecedented three-week hiatus from football during October. The audience for the trio of games was about on a par with the remainder of the season.

There is no quick fix for ABC on Monday night. A little luck in the schedule would help. But it does seem strange that with so much money at stake and so many smart men involved, luck is the key ingredient.

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By
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the gaps. CBS may even pull almost abreast of its greatest ratings triumph of two years ago.

So much for the NFL's cautiously hopeful TV news. Its prime-time network continues to lag badly, and so late in the season that no real recovery is possible.

The Monday night audience was down 17 percent through nine games. That shortfall cannot be overcome or even attacked in a meaningful way in the seven remaining weeks.

If things remain unchanged through the full season, it will be very serious business for ABC, which increased its Monday night NFL advertising fee to \$165,000 for a 30-second ad this season, up from \$150,000 last year.

The rate, in line with just about all others on TV, is scheduled to go up next year and each of the following two seasons in order for the network finally to turn a profit on its five-year NFL contract calling for \$650 million in rights fees.

You don't have to be an economist to comprehend the down-the-road damage done to a product that loses one in every six of its TV audience. That's what has happened to ABC with the NFL in 1983.

The advertising base is in danger of being weakened by the falloff in audience this season.

The best explanation for the loss on Monday night is the games themselves, a flow of onesided contests or matchups with little in the way of anticipation. Sometimes, as with the recent Lions-Giants game, both of those negatives were combined. There was little for a viewer to look forward to and even less emerged when he turned in.

The problem is that only the prime-time games are placed on a fixed schedule, and fully six months before the season begins. The schedule is formulated on expectations of which teams are coming on and which are fading. In this era of increasing parity, it is becoming much more difficult to judge the future.

For example, seven teams were left off ABC's schedule this season. Three of them are the Seahawks, Colts and Patriots, which had a combined 17-13 record through 10 weeks.

Among the 10 teams honored with the maximum three prime-time appearances are the Giants, Chargers and Bengals, whose combined record after 10 weeks was 9-20.

These contrasts do not suggest bad judgment by those who select the games. They merely emphasize how difficult it is to judge far in advance



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Rookie's Goal: Stay Out of Jail

DALLAS—Mark Tuinei would prefer his past be buried in a time capsule. But the Dallas Cowboys' rookie defensive tackle is also enough of a realist to admit that three months in jail and 23 additional weekends of incarceration will follow him around like a lost puppy, at least for awhile.

He knows the Cowboys took a chance on him, considering his police record with various municipalities. He knows his name would hit the waiver wire quickly after one more brush with the law.

As recently as two years ago, Tuinei had a propensity for too much beer and too little restraint. He had a major problem with his fists: He couldn't control them.

Tuinei hardly seemed a candidate for employment with the Cowboys, who spend millions polishing a pristine image. That image, of course, has been questioned over the years since the Cowboys have had their share of problem players.

Because of his violent streak, Tuinei was declared persona non grata at UCLA. After he transferred to the University of Hawaii, another fight got him thrown into prison with the hardtimers, not the work-release crowd. Keeping his name off the police blotter is now his top priority.

"I haven't even been tempted to get into any of that since I've been here," he said. "In pro football, you can't be involved in those things. I know from hearing things that the Cowboys really researched me. It was unspoken, but they knew my past. They wanted to see from me that those things were out of me. I think I've shown them that it's over."

Hard time at the Oahu Correctional Center will do that. While a budding star at UCLA, Tuinei had regular problems with campus police. In January of 1980 Tuinei, along with several other players, was involved in a major campus disturbance with security personnel. It was not the first time he'd been in brawls, and Tuinei was declared persona non grata in the athletic dorm.

Tuinei, who grew up in Hawaii after moving there with his family from his American Samoa birthplace, transferred to Hawaii in the late summer of 1980. It was not long before he again encountered trouble with the law.

He and a friend were brought up on an assault charge after an incident near Waikiki. They pleaded guilty to third-degree assault, a misdemeanor.

In their statement to police, Tuinei and his companion said, "We went cruising after drinking a lot of beer. We saw this Haole (Caucasian) man walking along Kalakaua Avenue at about 2 a.m., and we got into an argument with him. We got out of our car and beat him with our hands and fists."

Tuinei finally landed in jail when he assaulted a University of Hawaii security guard with a chair during a brawl at a school dance.

"It was just a fight," he said. "But it turned out kind of ugly." He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to serve 23 weekends in jail. Then, when college was out for the summer, he spent three additional months behind bars.

Tuinei had played his sophomore year at UCLA and was considered future National Football League material. But at Hawaii, pro scouts began to wonder if he was worth the trouble.

Because of jail time, school probations and sitting out a year after transferring, Tuinei wouldn't play football again, outside the exercise yard, until the fall of 1982.

He played well enough for the Cowboys to sign him as a free agent after the '83 draft. In training camp, he so impressed defensive coordinator Ernie Stautner that he made the 49-man roster, serving as Randy White's backup and playing on special teams.

After his release from prison in September of 1982, he took stock of his life and decided it was headed in a disastrous direction.

"I've changed my outlook toward life," he said. "I understand I'm no longer a little kid. I just can't make the kind of mistakes that have hurt me in the past. I'm just looking forward to improving myself in my relations with people. I've matured."

Tuinei joined the Reserve Officers' Training Corps and fell under the guidance of a lieutenant colonel who gave freely of his time and advice. "The people in ROTC definitely helped me," he said. "I had such a quick temper it would get me into bad situations."

"Spending three months in jail definitely was the turning point. You've got a lot of time to think about things. I wasn't in any minimum security prison. There were mostly hard-core people there. I saw what was happening to them, and I could see the direction I was headed. It's an experience you'd like to forget about. Those were hard times."

Bunkhouse: Secondary coach Gene Stallings said he would be interested in talking to the Houston Oilers about the head-coaching position if it became available at the end of the season. Stallings has turned down several offers, the latest from Birmingham before its first United States Football League season, because he wants to remain in Texas.

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'Jet Stream' Is Mad Cards Aren't Flying

ST. LOUIS—Roy Green showed up for training camp in 1983 quicker and slicker and tagged himself with a nickname.

Figuring it was time he claimed his share of the national limelight as a wide receiver, he said he would henceforth be known as Roy (Jet Stream) Green.

He was one of the first veterans to arrive at the St. Louis Cardinals' training site at Eastern Illinois University, and he anxiously awaited an audience with Coach Jim Hanifan.

Green wanted to show off his svelte new figure and tell the coach his new speed in the 40-yard dash.

"The fastest I had ever run was a 4.38 before this year," Green said. "But during the off-season, I did a quite a bit of sprint work."

He informed Hanifan that he had been clocked in 4.29 seconds during a summer workout. Hanifan rolled his eyes in disbelief and chuckled.

But Green had dropped 10 pounds and had worked on his speed. Before the Cardinals switched him from defensive back to wide receiver, Green worried more about keeping up his bulk and his strength than his speed.

"Playing strong safety, I was taking on guards, and my coverage was on tight ends or running backs," he said. "I had speed, but it really wasn't going to be that much of an advantage to me playing strong safety."

When the coaches timed the veterans at training camp, Green was clocked in less than 4.4 seconds. He wasn't below 4.3, but he was close.

The Cardinals immediately looked at their playbook and found new ways to take advantage of their new Jet Stream.

So far this season, Green has accomplished just about everything he had set out to do—with one big exception.

He either has been the leader or near the top in the National Football Conference in receiving all season. Through 10 games, he had caught 52 passes for 742 yards and seven touchdowns. Club records for most receptions in a season (73 by Bobby Joe Conrad in 1963) and for most yards receiving in a season (1,205 by Jackie Smith in 1967) were within Green's reach.

But the Cardinals' record was 3-6-1, and Green wasn't smiling. "It would be nice to lead the league in receiving and have great stats, but it's still not going to make me happy," he said. "Until we get to the playoffs, and possibly the big one, Roy Green's not going to be happy."

About five weeks ago, Green sank into a well of depression and lashed out in all directions. He blamed the booing by the local fans and the criticism the team had received in the St. Louis press for the club's woes.

Even though he was enjoying his best season, he was in his worst mood.

"I just got wrapped up in wanting to win so bad. Then, when things went bad, I got depressed," he said. "I had big expectations for our team, and I got wrapped up in how good we were going to be. Then teams started blowing us out and embarrassing us."

A fourth-round draft choice from Henderson State, Green was a standout kick returner and part-time player in the secondary for St. Louis for two years before Hanifan got the bright idea to switch him to wide receiver.

Did Hanifan have any idea that Green would develop into one of the top receivers in the NFC?

"Of course I did," said Hanifan. "That's why I'm such a great coach."

Saying that at a news conference after a 45-7 loss to the Washington Redskins, Hanifan watched mouths drop open and eyes widen.

"OK, I just got sick and tired of watching the other guys drop

the football. That's why I made the move," he said.

Green caught 33 passes for 708 yards and four touchdowns in 1981 and led the NFC in yards per catch (21.4). He also gained national recognition as something of a modern-day rarity by playing both offense and defense.

Then, in the strike-shortened season, Green caught 32 passes for 454 yards. And this season he has continued to pile up big statistical totals.

He said he now has harnessed his emotions and would try to keep things in perspective. A talk with his wife, Sharon, helped.

"A few weeks back, when I was so down, it was a bad situation at home," he said. "I was all grumpy around the house. She made me realize that there are other things. I could be without a family. I almost lost my daughter a couple of years ago (because of illness)."

"Sundays are one-seventh of the week, and Monday is going to be better and Tuesday is going to be better, and then comes next Sunday. That's the good thing about the league. You play 16 games. You can play so awful on one Sunday, but the following Sunday, who knows?"

Post-Cards: The Cardinals lost linebackers to season-ending injuries in two successive games. Craig Shaffer was felled by an ankle injury against Minnesota on October 30. He was placed on injured reserve, and the Cardinals signed free-agent defensive back Bill Whitaker as a replacement. Whitaker had played for the Green Bay Packers for two years before being released before this season began. Then, on November 6 at Washington, the Cardinals lost starting linebacker Bob Harris. He suffered a torn medial collateral ligament and underwent surgery. He was replaced by Paul Davis, who played with the Falcons and Giants.

JOHN SONDEREGGER



Giants Scrap '83, Except as Test Lab

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—The New York Giants officially began playing for 1984 on November 8, 1983. So said Rob Carpenter, the rugged fullback who became the Giants' latest casualty when he suffered a season-ending knee injury in a 15-9 loss at Detroit on November 7. The defeat left the Giants with a 2-7-1 record.

"I think I'm probably going to need some kind of surgery," Carpenter said, his leg wrapped in a foam-rubber immobilizer. "Whether it's arthroscopic or the other kind, I don't know. I'd like to get it scoped if possible. . . . The way things are going, it all fits into the game plan for the year. Nothing has gone right for us from day one."

Carpenter, 28, has been the Giants' most valuable offensive player since they obtained him from Houston on September 29, 1981, for a third-round draft pick in 1982. He had four 100-yard games, all in Giants' victories, in the 9-7 1981 playoff season and was the team's leading ground-gainer this year with 624 yards on 170 carries. He suffered a sprained medial collateral ligament in his right knee while blocking for Joe Morris late in the third period of the Monday night game in Detroit. Carpenter said that he twisted the knee in a pileup and that he had had a similar injury in 1978.

Halfback Butch Woolfolk had outgained Carpenter, 312 yards to 250, in the last six games, in which the Giants were 0-5-1. Carpenter said that a reason for the slump was that Coach Bill Parcells had drifted from the conservative, run-oriented game plan that Carpenter prefers.

Asked if he thought that the Giants had made a mistake in not drafting an offensive lineman in the first two rounds in five years under General Manager George Young, Carpenter said, "Obviously we don't have All-Pros at every line position. We can definitely use more talent there. I kept saying we needed a leader, a Jim Clark type."

Referring to Scott Brunner, Phil Simms and Jeff Rutledge, Carpenter said, "I think they all are pretty good quarterbacks. All of them could start for 40 to 50 percent of the teams in this league. But you can't have all three of them on one team."

The Giants' offense was averaging 333 yards a game after 10 games, 63 yards more than it did in '81. But it had scored only 15 TDs and often seemed to self-destruct inside an opponent's 20-yard line. "The best thing about Scott Brunner in '81," Carpenter said, "was that he was a mistake-free quarterback."

This season, the Giants were 2-6 in Brunner's first eight starts. Over four seasons, the Giants were 11-15 in Brunner's 26 starts. He had thrown only 25 touchdown passes, but 40 interceptions. His completion percentage was only 49.4 percent. This year, Brunner had thrown 14 interceptions and six TD passes and had been sacked 17 times.

Carpenter said that the Giants' offense has been hurt by a "combination of things. Penalties, fumbles, interceptions. We don't seem to have that complete confidence that we can drive the ball down the field and score. We get close and we kind of shut ourselves off. We haven't gotten any help from the refs. We've had a few injuries. There is no real answer. Whoever searches for an answer is going to come up with a headache."

"Obviously, things have not gone the way we hoped. I think 6-4 was reasonable to expect at this point with the talent we had. These last six games are going to dictate how well we do

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Saints High On 'Ty in Sky'

NEW ORLEANS—When the New Orleans Saints gathered in Vero Beach, Fla., to start preparations for the 1983 season, rookie free-agent wide receiver Tyrone Young was the longest of shots to make the 49-man roster.

"I figured it might end very quickly," said the 6-6, 190-pound Young.



Marvin Dumas, another free agent. Young was eighth and last in all the drills.

But the gangly former University of Florida quarterback impressed the Saints' coaching staff with his sticky hands and his determination. When the final cut came, Young wasn't one of the victims.

Although he is being used sparingly, Young has started making his presence felt in the past few weeks. He's caught only six passes, but three of those have been for touchdowns, more than any other Saints receiver.

His first catch as a professional was a touchdown, a leaping grab against Miami cornerback Gerald Small, that helped the Saints to a 17-7 win. It was a case of Too Tall beating Too Small. Young's teammates started referring to the former basketball player as "Ty in the Sky."

Four weeks later, Young grabbed three passes, one for a TD, against Buffalo and almost had another in the Bills' end zone in the closing seconds that could have rallied the Saints to victory.

Young was at it again against Atlanta, catching a 19-yard TD pass over 5-9 cornerback Bobby Butler as the Saints beat the Falcons, 27-10.

That's not bad for a former quarterback who has yet to play a full season at wide receiver.

Young played quarterback at Florida for the better part of two seasons before being switched to wide receiver. Injuries curtailed his playing time as a junior, but he caught 24 passes for 468 yards and three touchdowns. After a less-than-spectacular senior season (17 catches for 249 yards and two scores), Young was passed over by pro teams in the '83 draft.

"This is really my first full year at wide receiver, and it hasn't been full yet," he said. "I've only played in three games and for only about five minutes."

Nonetheless, Young's pass-catching ability and size give him certain advantages, especially with the National Football League's emphasis on smaller and quicker defensive backs in the current passing age. Young doesn't mind being compared to Philadelphia's 6-8 Harold Carmichael.

"I've admired his talent for years," Young said. "When we play them, I'm going to watch him very closely, and, hopefully, watch a lot of film to see how a tall, awkward, out-of-place person performs so well. When I say that, I mean that you normally don't see tall people playing a rough sport like football. He has done a great job."

Young wouldn't mind emulating Carmichael, but he is also aware that he won't be a starter for New Orleans for the time being. "I'd love to play more if the opportunity arises," he said. "That's why I continue to work. But at this point, I'm pleased with my backup role. It's a good situation for me."

Saint Scrolls: After 10 weeks, the Saints led the NFL in sacks with 41, only five away from the club record of 46 set in 1979. . . . After missing almost four weeks because of a knee injury, running back George Rogers appears to have regained his timing. He rushed for more than 100 yards in two straight games. . . . Quarterback Dave Wilson made his first start in nearly two years a successful one against Atlanta, directing the Saints to a 27-10 win. Wilson completed nine of 14 passes for 128 yards, with one TD and one interception.

DAVE LAGARDE



Kickoff Coverage 49er Weak Link

SAN FRANCISCO—At halftime of the San Francisco 49ers-Miami Dolphins game, the Candlestick Park crowd was entertained by some street dancers from Los Angeles who did the "Breakdown."

The 49ers also had a unit which did the "Breakdown" during the game. In this case, they didn't get down on the ground and do acrobatic twirls like the Los Angeles street dancers.

The 49ers would run down the field on kickoff coverage, then break down.

Miami kickoff returner Fulton Walker returned four kicks for 124 yards—31 per try—including one which he casually hauled back despite catching it six yards deep in the end zone.

"When they start returning those, you know they have lost

respect for the coverage," special teams coach Fred von Appen said. "Our players just weren't aggressive. They were apprehensive. They ran like crazy down the field, then they would break down and just watch. They wouldn't go for the kill. They seemed mesmerized."

"We had him surrounded. . . . We circled our wagons and stood there. . . . Custer would like to have made out as well when he was surrounded."

The result was that Miami had excellent field position all day, beginning its drives on its 38, 34, 37, 36, 22, 31, 22, 20 and the San Francisco 32.

By contrast, the 49ers started beyond their 30 yard line only twice—once on their 33 after a 22-yard punt by Miami's Reggie Roby and on their last, one-play (fumble by Joe Montana) drive, which began on their 35.

"We spotted them a big advantage on returns. They averaged 31 yards and we averaged 16.7," von Appen said. "It was a big disappointment and we will have to do something about it."

Coach Bill Walsh obviously agreed. It was the first thing he mentioned when asked what changes he might be considering.

"Our kickoff coverage and maybe our returns. . . . we may have to go with some of our regular players," he said, indicating that starters will no longer be exempt from playing on special teams.

"We obviously need help and those who can't help us are in a tentative position."

The 49ers' best downfield hitters on coverage had been linebackers Ron Ferrari and Milt McColl and safety Rick Gervais. However, McColl and Gervais have been placed on injured reserve, making it easier for opponents to double-team Ferrari.

Von Appen hinted that offensive players on coverage were the ones who did not attack.

"Offensive players seem to get entranced by the ball," he said. "They look at it instead of going after the player. They watch the ball instead of the guy who is out to block them. They should watch him and keep the ballcarrier in their vision. Instead, they leave themselves vulnerable to be blocked cleanly."

Both Walsh and von Appen refused to say which regulars were in line to be asked to play on kickoff coverage. One possibility might be cornerback Ronnie Lott. He was in trouble most of the Miami game because he was too aggressive on defense.

"He was guessing what the play was going to be and then reacting accordingly, rather than paying attention to his primary assignment," said Walsh. Lott was burned by Nat Moore for touchdown passes of 24 and 19 yards.

"I was wrong," admitted Lott. "I was trying to read the quarterback and anticipate rather than cover the receiver and they took advantage of that."

Niner Nuggets: After quarterback Montana suffered a bruised thigh against Miami, he was unable to scramble and the 49er passing game netted only 35 yards in the final 22 minutes. Walsh was asked who would have played if Montana could not, third-year backup Guy Benjamin or Matt Cavanaugh, acquired from New England in a preseason trade. "In that situation, Guy knows the offense and could go in and run things smoothly," Walsh said. "But if we were talking about a situation where we needed a replacement for a couple of games, you might see Matt Cavanaugh in there because he would get more snaps in practice during the week."

FRANK COONEY



Linebacker Collins Is a Battering Ram

ANAHEIM—Because he tackles with his head and because you usually can hear the collision in row ZZ at Anaheim Stadium, Los Angeles Rams linebacker Jim Collins has been compared with a Ram hitter of yesteryear, Jack (Hacksaw) Reynolds.

There are some differences, however.

Reynolds watched film religiously. Collins wouldn't give you two cents for a projector; he'd rather pay five bucks and see a real movie. Reynolds was like Patton, a game-day tactician; Collins is wilder, more crazy and reckless. Kind of like the late John Belushi's samurai character in pads.

The bad part is that Collins' leather-on-leather style seems to have inflicted as much grief on Collins as on the opposition.

Fact: Collins started four years at Syracuse and didn't miss a game.

Fact: Midway through his third season with the Rams, Collins has missed 16 games, counting exhibitions, because of surgery on both knees, a pulled abdominal muscle, an ankle sprain that swelled to the size of a grapefruit, and assorted pulled hamstrings and biceps.

Now, for the remainder of the season, Collins will have to gut out a painful pinched nerve in the left side of his neck. The nerve is so inflamed that when Collins makes or suffers a direct hit, the pain shoots down his left arm to his hand like a jolt of lightning.

Collins, whose cherubic face doesn't fit his on-field toughness, smiles (he can't seem to help it) when he describes the awful effects.

"The scary part is when everything goes numb and you can't feel anything except the pain," Collins said.

In the first half against Miami, Collins had to leave the game three times because the pain was so severe. He felt the pain at other times, too, but refused to take a seat. Eventually, a few minutes before halftime, he retired for the day, with nine solo tackles and three assists.

Fitted with a cushioned brace for the Chicago game, Collins went the distance, finishing with eight solos and making his first NFL interception. The turnover set up a touchdown only seconds before halftime.

"When you're expecting it to hurt, you can put up with it," Collins said. "Unless it's something really bad, where I can't move or something, I'd rather play."

Next to cornerback LeRoy Irvin, Collins probably is the best young defensive player the Rams have. It's no secret that Collins' ability, especially his tackling and pursuit, is the only reason 11-year veteran Jim Youngblood lost his starting position. Collins, a second-round pick in 1981, would have had the job sooner if he hadn't had arthroscopic knee surgery, forcing him to miss 90 percent of Coach John Robinson's first training camp.

Still, he learned quickly. And in short-yardage situations, Collins is a one-man roadblock.

"Jimmy may be involved in 80 percent of our short-yardage hits," said defensive coordinator Fritz Shurmur. "He may make that many stops all by himself. But, I swear, he probably is involved in just about every one we make as a team. . . . He'd be better, there's no doubt about that, if he wasn't hurt all the time."

Youngblood says that Collins has a buzzard perched on his shoulder. That's how bad his luck has been.

"I get real frustrated thinking about the injuries because I know it's definitely set me back," Collins said. "I've played, too, when I shouldn't have, wanting to impress the coaches. Last year I played, thinking my ankle wasn't so bad, and then the stupid thing swelled up so much I missed the last three games of the season."

Said trainer Gary Tuthill: "Jimmy's had enough injuries to last a career. He hurt his lateral meniscus (cartilage) so bad this year that most players would have said it hurt immediately. Jimmy didn't think it was bad until a couple days later."

Collins attributes his injuries to bad luck and is looking for a remedy.

"I never was big on going to chapel services, but now I make sure I go every week," he said. "I got to get someone on my side."

So, does he have good luck off the field?

"Yes, I think I do," Collins said, grinning. "Well, maybe not. I lost a lot of money on a bad oil investment last off-season."

The Rams' new 3-4 defense is more conducive to Collins' reckless style. There's less to think about, fewer restrictions.

"The 3-4 defense is more aggressive, that's why I like it," said Collins, who was drafted by former coach Ray Malavasi because he was a middle linebacker in a 4-3 defense at Syracuse.

Ramblings: On passing downs, the Rams have devised a new rushing scheme that has end Gary Jeter at nose tackle and Reggie Doss and Jack Youngblood at the ends. David Lewis is inserted as a pass-rushing linebacker. The scheme clicked against Chicago's porous line. The Rams managed four sacks after having gone two games without one. . . . If there's one thing that's making the coaches nervous, it's placekicking. Rookie Chuck Nelson, who got only one chance to kick a field goal in a three-game span, was 4-for-9 overall. . . . Robinson, on going for a touchdown from the Bears' 21-yard line with seven seconds left in the first half and the Rams leading, 7-0: "I did a dumb thing. It was like trying to slice a brain with a hatchet. We didn't have the right play." Robinson couldn't complain about the result, though: Preston Dennard caught a tipped pass for a touchdown.

JOHN CZARNECKI

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Smith Has Tackled Switch With Ease

ATLANTA—The blood from a brutal afternoon stained his uniform. The Atlanta Falcons' playoff hopes probably ended with their loss to New Orleans on November 6, but Don Smith did not go quietly.

He appeared at four positions on the defensive line: nose tackle, right tackle, right end and left end. At times, Smith seemingly stood alone as the Saints rushed for 238 yards. Even at the end, when the Falcons stood 4-6 and with little hope of sneaking into the playoffs, Smith did not concede.

"I'm not going to give up," Smith said. "I'm still going to try and make every play, every tackle. That's the only way I'm going to play."

He has played it that way throughout this uneven season for the Falcons. In his fifth season, Smith has become one of the league's better defensive linemen, virtually in secret.

By changing to a 4-3 defensive alignment this season, the Falcons unleashed one of their best resources. But few other

than Smith's peers have noticed.

Through 10 games, Smith led the Falcons in sacks (six) while spending most of his time at right tackle. Only one National Football League tackle—Detroit's Doug English—had more. Smith's sack total easily could have been higher.

Smith participated in 10 or more tackles five times in one seven-game stretch. He ranked third on the Falcons after 10 games with 55 tackles, and 11 of those were for losses or no gain.

One of his best efforts came against New England and its All-Pro guard, John Hannah. Before that game, Smith asked rhetorically, "If he's the best and I beat him, what does that make me?" No one scoffed at the suggestion.

"This has been my best year statistically," he said. "I think I had the same drive and determination the last few years, but I wasn't put in the position to make as many tackles."

He was shoved into the purgatory of nose tackle, taking on double-team blocks and sinking into the ground as an act of sacrifice. With the change to the 4-3, which goes against the league trend, came Smith's liberation.

The switch involved a major change in style. Dan Sekanovich, Atlanta's assistant head coach, who works with the defensive linemen, called it "like going from two different worlds."

"Don's done a great job with it because he's an effort guy. He really gets after people," Sekanovich said.

The effort springs from enjoyment. Released from the thicket that grabs all nose tackles, Smith has enjoyed himself immensely this season. He is better equipped to be noticed rather than to be taken for granted. That is his crusade.

"I look forward to playing the games now," Smith said. "Before, all I'd do is go in and get beat up and try to beat other people up. I'm in more of a thinking position now. For me, it's a chance to use my ability against one player, not two all the time. I think it's time for me to be noticed."

For Smith, the ultimate recognition would be a berth in the Pro Bowl. One of three tackle spots on the NFC team will go to Dallas' Randy White because, as Smith said, "He gets all the publicity, but that's part of the game." English also could repeat, but Smith merits consideration.

"It's something that's a goal of mine, but I'm not going to kill myself if I don't make it," Smith said. "I've had people tell me before that I should make it, and when I didn't there was a letdown. I'm not going to let that happen. I'm just going to keep on playing hard and not think about it."

Falcon Flights: A reserve after three years as a starter, running back Lynn Cain is ready to join Los Angeles of the United States Football League. In his option year, Cain tried for a contract extension before this season, but the Falcons refused. There have been no further negotiations, and Cain says, "I don't know if I have a future here." After rushing once for nine yards against San Francisco in the season's fourth game, Cain played six games without appearing for a snap on offense.

GERRY FRALEY



Don Smith

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Finally, Bucs Have Horses

TAMPA—John McKay was really beginning to think his Tampa Bay Buccaneers might not win a football game this season.

"I didn't know what else to do," McKay said. "I was going to church. Some guy sent me a medal blessed by the Pope. Digger Phelps, the basketball coach at Notre Dame, sent me another medal. Hell, I wasn't winning anything. I had more medals than Sergeant York, but I was still getting beat."

But after an 0-9 start, the beatings finally stopped for McKay and the Bucs. They left the Hubert Humphrey Metrodome November 6 with a 17-12 victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

Tampa Bay averted a replay of its winless season in '76, thanks to one old weapon and a new one.

The first was provided by defensive end Lee Roy Selmon and nose tackle David Logan. For the third time since 1980, the duo teamed up for a sack-fumble-touchdown trick. And this one couldn't have come at a more opportune moment.

With the Bucs trailing, 9-0, and the Vikings driving at the Tampa Bay 33, Selmon came crashing into the backfield, sacked quarterback Steve Dils and jarred the ball loose. Enter Logan, who scooped up the bouncing football and dashed 54 yards for the touchdown.

It was Logan's third career fumble recovery for a touchdown. All were caused by Selmon, and all occurred in domed stadiums (the first two returns, 21 yards in 1980 and 60 yards in 1981, came against Detroit in the Silverdome).

"It was time for Lee Roy and me to dust off the old routine," Logan said.

"Two years ago, I was Foolish Pleasure," he added. "One year ago I did my imitation of Pleasant Colony and this time it was Slew O' Gold."

The Logan-Selmon combination vaulted the Bucs back into the game at 9-7, just when it appeared that loss No. 10 was in the making.

But it was a one-man show by fullback-turned-tailback James Wilder that put Tampa Bay over the top in its first victory of 1983.

Wilder was making only his third start at tailback in three seasons with the Bucs. Until then, he was best known as a pass-catching fullback. But a knee injury to tailback James Owens prompted McKay to give Wilder a greater ballcarrying role.

Now people are wondering why McKay didn't make the move earlier. In Wilder's first try at tailback, against New Orleans, the burly 6-3, 220-pounder netted 64 yards in 20 carries as Tampa Bay lost, 24-21.

The next week, he broke the NFL record for carries with 42. He gained a personal best 126 yards in the process. But it wasn't enough to push the Bucs past Pittsburgh, which won, 17-12.

Against Minnesota, however, Wilder made the difference. He rushed into the Tampa Bay record book with 219 yards on 31 carries and scored the winning touchdown on a 75-yard dash down the sideline.

His three-game total at tailback: 409 yards in 93 carries. Through 10 games, Wilder led the Bucs with 578 yards on 142 carries and also topped the NFC in receiving with 53 catches for 370 yards.

"Jimmy is not an O.J. Simpson-type runner; he's more of a Jim Brown-type runner," McKay said. "He's an awfully big man and he's got a tremendous start. He's not a sprinter, but the guy (John Swain) trying to catch him (on the 75-yard touchdown) runs a 4.4 and he couldn't catch him."

McKay has not had a truly effective tailback since Ricky Bell in the 1979 season, when Tampa's one-year flash gained 1,263 yards.

"He's what I thought Ricky Bell would be," McKay remarked. "I don't know what happened to Ricky; he had one good year here. But James is a bigger man than Ricky. And he has that burst just as you hit him."

McKay's heavy reliance on Wilder signals a simultaneous decline in confidence in quarterback Jack Thompson. The Bucs traded a No. 1 draft choice to Cincinnati to obtain Thompson in June. But he has hurt himself with interceptions much of the season. He threw his 15th against the Vikings.

Buc Stoppers: Just when their offensive line was finally over a season-long injury problem, the Bucs lost left tackle Gene Sanders with a sprained ankle. The good news for Tampa Bay was the return of right guard Sean Farrell, who had missed six weeks with a hamstring pull. Farrell played well in brief duty against Minnesota and was expected to regain his starting spot soon. . . . Normally mild-mannered Selmon was angry after the Viking game. He believed Minnesota's Steve Riley applied an illegal block to his knee, a shot that forced him out of the game temporarily. McKay said later, "I wasn't tickled to see it happen. I was tickled to see Lee Roy mad. That's the first time I've seen him that way in eight years."

DAVE SCHEIBER



Starr Doesn't Get Vote of Confidence

GREEN BAY—Robert Parins, president of the Green Bay Packers, declined to give Coach Bart Starr a vote of confidence in a recent interview with the Milwaukee Journal.

Parins, who probably will have the biggest say in whether Starr is retained as coach, did not voice any strong feelings about Starr, whose job status has been the subject of much discussion in recent weeks.

Parins said the fact that Starr had one year left on his contract wouldn't be a factor in his decision and that Starr's emotional ties to the Packers and their fans because of his outstanding playing career in Green Bay also wouldn't be a factor.

Parins also said he did not believe the Packers needed a full-time general manager or additional personnel with football expertise in their front office.

Asked if he could give Starr a vote of confidence, Parins said: "That area of discussion—if I were going to answer it, which I'm not—certainly it seems to me, if I were to answer it, would show somewhat of an insensitivity to the staff and to the players and everyone else concerned with the organization."

When told, for example, that Tampa Bay Owner Hugh Culverhouse openly had expressed support for Coach John McKay during the Buccaneers' rocky season, Parins said:

"Well, you put a different nuance on the question. It's a no-win question and one that seemingly generates controversy no matter how you answer it. It seems to me that at this time, there's a long way to go in this football season. And there's nothing here to indicate that there's any concern with the coaching staff."

Then, would he expect Starr to be the Packers' coach next season?

Said Parins, "Again, I think the question falls into the same category. I'm not going to discuss it."

Will the fact that Starr, in his ninth season as coach, has one year left on his contract be a factor in the decision?

Said Parins, "I don't know that that makes any difference at all."

How does Parins evaluate a coach—Starr or someone 10 years from now?

Said Parins: "I think the bottom line is what happens on the football field. . . . The won-lost record is the bottom line for the entire operation."

Will emotion be a factor in Parins' decision?

"I don't think there's a place in that kind of decision-making for emotion," he said.

Parins gave no indication that the club was considering hiring a full-time general manager. Starr was stripped of that title at the end of the 1980 season, but he remains in charge of football operations.

Is there enough football expertise above or equal to the coach? Is that a weakness of the Packers' organization?

"No, absolutely not," Parins said. "I don't see any void here as opposed to any other organization."

Pack Facts: Rookie Jessie Clark, a seventh-round draft choice from Arkansas, continues to be a pleasant surprise. Alternating with Mike Meade at fullback, Clark gained 50 yards in 12 carries in a recent game against Cleveland and had an 81-yard touchdown run nullified by a holding penalty. At 6-0, 225 pounds, he shows more speed than pro scouts thought he had. "At Arkansas, I was a blocking back," Clark said. "Pro scouts said that I had questionable speed. That was understandable because I never really was a running back in college. The scouts never got a good feel for my speed by watching me on film. But I've never doubted my speed. I have good speed for my size, and it's very deceptive, because my 40 speed (4.8 seconds) is not indicative of my regular speed."

Quarterback Lynn Dickey says it bothers him that the club is not working hard enough to reach agreement on a new contract with him before the season ends. Dickey, who is making \$350,000 this season, will become a free agent February 1, as will reserve David Whitehurst. The United States Football League is interested in both.

CHUCK SALITURO



Vikings in Trouble After Brown Injury

TWIN CITIES—In one fashion or another, the Minnesota Vikings have overcome debilitating injuries to four starters and one key reserve.

When quarterback Tommy Kramer went down with a torn knee ligament in the third game, he was replaced by backup Steve Dils, who has done an adequate job filling in.

When kicker Rick Danmeier was sidelined after back surgery, free agent Benny Ricardo came in and has kicked superbly.

When defensive end Mark Mullaney suffered a broken collarbone, backups Randy Holloway and Neil Elshire came in, with no noticeable drop in efficiency.

When tight end Joe Senser could not open the season because of knee surgery, first Bob Bruer and later Dave Casper moved in and both have done the job.

When special teams captain and backup safety Keith Nord went down with a torn Achilles tendon, No. 1 draft choice Joey Browner took over to become the leading tackler on the kicking teams.

Through all the injuries, the Vikings managed to get off to a 6-2 start before losing their next two games to fall to 6-4.

It was in that fourth loss—which also was Tampa Bay's first victory—that the latest serious injury occurred. Running back Ted Brown, the heart and soul of the Minnesota offense, suffered a separated right shoulder that could keep him out the rest of the season. Or he might be back in a couple of weeks.

"Teddy could be out 2, 3, 4, 5 weeks," Viking Coach Bud Grant said the day after Brown was hurt. "It's hard to say because people heal differently. (Tight end) Steve Jordan had a similar injury and was out two weeks."

But it's common knowledge that Brown does not like to play when he doesn't feel 100 percent, so it's doubtful he will be back before the last game or two of the season, if that soon.

If he is out that long, the Vikings might be in big trouble. When he went down, Brown was their leading rusher (115 carries for 465 yards), leading receiver (40 catches for 336 yards) and leading touchdown scorer, with 10. All that despite missing 2½ games, including one full game and three-quarters of another with a sprained ankle.

Without Brown, the Vikings probably will have to go to their ball-control passing game more than ever. Brown's replacement, Tony Galbreath, had one excellent day rushing, gaining 104 yards (including a 52-yard touchdown run) against the Bears on October 9, the game Brown missed.

But Galbreath's durability and all-round skills do not match Brown's. And Darrin Nelson, while having a good season, is not the durable, workhorse running back of the Brown mold.

Brown was injured on November 6 against the Bucs when he scored the Vikings' lone touchdown. Brown went off right tackle and barely over the goal line. The head linesman signaled touchdown, but Bucs end John Cannon and linebacker Jeff Davis continued to push Brown back and threw him to the hard SuperTurf near the 10-yard line.

"I kept giving ground and giving ground as they were pushing me back," Brown said. "I heard the whistle and I let up. That's when I went down."

Brown landed on his right elbow, which popped his shoulder slightly out of place.

"We could run that play over and over again and I'd never get hurt," Brown said. "It was just a freak play."

Viking Vignettes: After Brown went down, Galbreath went in and caught 11 passes for 110 yards, his best game receiving as a Viking. . . . Browner, the rookie safety from Southern California, has made a big contribution as a nickel back and special-teams player. He has been the leading tackler among the non-starters all year. After 10 games, he had two sacks, had forced three fumbles and he had recovered a fumble. . . . Mullaney might be back by the November 27 game at New Orleans, but Kramer, Senser, Danmeier and Nord will be out for the season. Senser had hoped to be able to play this year, but the guess is that he'll be kept idle in the hope that the knee will return to full strength with a year off.

GREGG WONG



Chili Is Red Hot—Perfect for Lions

DETROIT—The Detroit Lions like their chili hot, and Bruce (Chili) McNorton is sizzling.

Nicknamed Chili in training camp, the second-year defensive back has been the hottest member of Detroit's secondary since he became a starter in the eighth game. McNorton got the Lions off on the right foot in their victory over Chicago in his first start by intercepting a long pass on the second play of the game. The Bears clearly wanted to test the new right cornerback and sent Willie Gault deep. McNorton made a leaping catch of quarterback Vince Evans' underthrown pass.

McNorton also rose to the occasion to help the Lions seal a 15-9 Monday night victory over the New York Giants. He intercepted two of Scott Brunner's wobblers in the last five minutes.

For those two big plays against the Giants, McNorton got a game ball. It is one he should cherish.

He has performed better than the Lions could have expected since taking over the job at right cornerback. Al Latimer suffered an injured left knee in the Lions' loss to Washington, creating the opening for McNorton. Bruce took the field against the Bears the next week expecting to be tested soon.

"I thought they'd do that when I was coming out of the locker room," McNorton said.

McNorton was a fourth-round draft choice in 1982 out of Georgetown. Not the Georgetown that plays basketball in Washington, but the Georgetown in Kentucky that hasn't made much of an impression on the national sports scene. Research indicates that McNorton is the first player from Georgetown ever drafted by an NFL team.

He moved up on the Lions' depth chart his first two seasons.

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in '84. If we play hard and win a few, it could help us next year. If we don't, this could be back to the Giants as they were before I got here—when they never won anything."

Giants Jottings: Rookie defensive lineman Leonard Marshall made his first start against the Lions; Jerome Sally was switched back to nose tackle. . . . John Tuggle, the last player chosen in this year's draft, was to make his first start against Washington as a substitute for Carpenter. To fill Carpenter's spot on the roster, the Giants activated Larry Heater from their injured-reserve list after he cleared procedural waivers. . . . Rutledge resumed practicing on November 9, and Parcells indicated that he would again replace Brunner when he got healthy.

JIM SMITH



Green Making Mark As a Pro Speedily

WASHINGTON—He is only a rookie, but Washington Redskins cornerback Darrell Green quickly has become certain about one thing.

"I believe I can play in the NFL," said Green, 22.

So far, so good. Green is the Redskins' first-round draft pick from Texas A&I, a 5-8, 170-pound mighty mite. Because veteran Jeris White is holding out this season because of a contract dispute, Green has taken his starting spot at left cornerback.

Vernon Dean, the other starting cornerback, calls Green "Ten Speed." Says Dean, "That's because he is always shifting gears."

If Green's speed isn't world class, certainly it is among the classiest in the National Football League. He runs the 40 in 4.3 seconds, fastest on the Redskins.

To understand Green's self-confidence, you could look to his 70 tackles (fifth on the team through 10 games) or, perhaps, to his crucial third-quarter interception of a Bill Kenney pass in the Redskins' 27-12 victory over Kansas City on September 18.

But to understand what keeps folks talking about Green, you must look to his speed: Twice this season, he has used his speed to catch from behind runners bound for the end zone.

The first time, the runner was Dallas' Tony Dorsett, on his way for an apparent 83-yard scoring run down the left sideline. But Green raced across the field, past two teammates, to catch Dorsett on the Washington 6. Dallas settled for a field goal.

The second time, Green caught Green Bay running back Gerry Ellis from behind at the Washington 8 after a 56-yard pass play late in the game. Green Bay settled for a field goal.

"Darrell Green is as quick as any rookie corner I've seen. For a rookie, he plays so aggressive," said Green Bay quarterback Lynn Dickey. "I remember on one play in front of our bench, James Lofton put a good move on Green, then turned to the sideline on an out pattern. I thought he'd turn Green around and make him go deep. James is great at making corners do that. But Green was right there and made the play."

"Catching Tony Dorsett from behind, that's what people know me for now," said Green. "But I want to be known for being a blanket coverage man. That's a saying we had in college: 'blanket coverage.' In other words, you're a great coverage man. Sometimes I think maybe I respect my own speed too much. Sometimes, I disrespect the receiver's speed. I play faster receivers better because I'm fast. I have problems adjusting to slower receivers."

The football education continues for Green. In the Redskins' 27-17 victory in Seattle on September 25, Seattle receiver Steve Largent caught eight passes for 130 yards and two touchdowns. Largent, who is crafty, not swift, taught Green seasons worth of lessons in that game.

"Playing against some receiver who is supposedly one of the best in the league, knowing you are going against him all alone, you have to have confidence," said Green. "You learn to get tough. You learn to believe you can get the job done. I'm learning every day."

Redskin Rappings: During the Redskins' 8-2 start, only three opposing teams rushed for 100 yards or more. . . . Punter Jeff Hayes landed 20 of his first 47 punts inside the opposition's 20-yard line. . . . Splitting time in the one-back offense, running backs John Riggins (811 yards rushing, 29 receiving) and Joe Washington (486 yards rushing, 316 receiving) were producing big numbers in different ways.

GARY POMERANTZ



Eagle Owner Denies Any 2nd-Guessing

PHILADELPHIA—Like the chauffeur and the other functionaries, like the plume of smoke from his ever-present cigarette, controversy is always close behind Leonard Tose, owner of the Philadelphia Eagles.

If it's not a rumor about his gambling (which he says he's stopped), then it's a rumor about a possible sale of the team (which he says is not imminent).

The latest controversy concerned his head coach, Marion Campbell. But, before getting into that, it is important to say

that Campbell's job, according to Tose, is safe.

"Votes of confidence are a kiss of death," the owner said. "Marion doesn't need a vote of confidence."

Tose created all the fuss when he spent half of the Eagles' November 6 game with Dallas (a 27-20 loss) looking over his coaches' shoulders in their booth.

He wore no headset, called no plays. But he was there, watching. After the game, he would not comment on his actions.

Then, the next day, came his explanation.

"Is that a big event?" he asked. "I've done it before. It didn't occur to me (that he might be second-guessing), it really didn't. And it wasn't significant. It's only significant because you people put a significance on it."

Tose said he doesn't have the expertise to call plays, or anything else. And Campbell was unperturbed.

"He's been up there with other coaches," Campbell said. "He's never bothered anyone. He's an interested owner and always has been, and he's never bothered me in that matter. This is his stadium on Sunday and he can do what he wants to do."

"But he has never bothered me. I didn't even know he was up there until after the game when somebody told me. People may read implications into it, and I'm smart enough to realize that. But he's been up there winning, and he's been up there losing."

The loss to Dallas was the Eagles' fourth in a row. But Tose didn't find any significance in that. At one point in his explanation, he said he was just getting away from someone who was sitting in his private booth at Veterans Stadium.

"I don't want to offend anybody that sat in my box," Tose said. "Let's see how I can say this nicely . . ."

Later, he said, "I told you my real reasons. I don't want to

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because of injuries. He became the fifth back in the nickel defense last year when cornerback James Hunter was forced to retire because of a recurring neck injury. Latimer took Hunter's place as a starter. Another injury, this one to Latimer, made McNorton a starter.

He had some bad moments in the playoffs last year against Washington. Twice McNorton was burned by Alvin Garrett for touchdowns when the Lions blitzed and left McNorton alone on the speedy receiver. He used those plays to motivate himself for 1983.

"I had the whole off-season to think about that," McNorton said. "I worked on better techniques and things like that. I think now it really helped me."

McNorton got his nickname in camp this year because he was a heavy contributor to the Lions' chili fund.

"During training camp, the defensive backs had to put a dollar in the chili fund if they missed a ball at practice," McNorton said. "I missed so many that the other guys said I was paying for the whole chili party we were planning. They started calling me Chili, and it stuck."

Lions' Den: Billy Sims was looking forward to playing at Houston. It meant a trip home for the Lions' running back. "It's the first time I've been back (to play) since college," Sims said. Sims has empathy for the Oilers' Earl Campbell, who was angry at being taken out of a game against Cincinnati. "I sympathize with him," Sims said. "In the first half of the season, I wasn't being used the way I'm used to being used. When you've got a guy of that caliber, you've got to find a way to put him into the game plan."

MIKE O'HARA



Janitor Loses Out To McMahon as QB

CHICAGO—To the surprise of no one but Vince Evans, Coach Mike Ditka has decided that Jim McMahon is the Chicago Bears' quarterback of the future. "It was an easy decision," Ditka said 10 weeks into the season.

As decisions go, it was along the lines of deciding to put Canada above the United States on a map. One year after the Bears had made McMahon their first-round draft choice and McMahon had made himself the NFC Rookie of the Year, he clearly was not their clipboard holder.

So Ditka said McMahon "is the starting quarterback and he will not come out unless he's injured." Whether that pronouncement will ease the Bears' woes is open to debate. As Walter Payton said, "Quarterback is not the problem."

The Bears' problem, Payton went on, has been wide receivers and backs getting open and linemen giving the quarterback time to find them. Payton could not think of anyone, himself included, playing so splendidly that he could concern himself with the quarterback's performance, or even his identity.

"If everyone does their job, it doesn't matter who the quarterback is," Payton said. "You could put Dick, our janitor here, in there and it wouldn't make a difference because regardless of who's standing behind the center, I still have to do my job. And I hope everybody on this team feels the same way."

Richard McMurrin, the Bears' building superintendent, is a

name who was in my box."

Then, Tose pointed out that the coaches' box afforded a better view. Tose's plush box is on the 20-yard line. The coaches' spare accommodations are on the 50.

"Really, it's a better seat," Tose said. "Not as comfortable, but a better seat."

Finally, Tose said that he visits the coaches' booth all the time, although no one can remember him doing it recently.

"There wasn't any specific reason," Tose said. "I did it a couple times with Dick Vermeil. I did it with (Mike) McCormack. I don't think I've done it every year, but I've done it spasmodically over the 15 years."

Most coaches would get spasms of their own if the boss spent the afternoon looking over their shoulders. But Tose insisted that wasn't his intention.

"It was to express my confidence in the coaching staff," he said. "I didn't call any plays; I didn't have a headset on. In 15 years, I haven't called a play yet. I've suggested several, but none has ever been used."

"There was no significance to it. (Assistant head coach) Fred Bruney wanted me to stay the second half because he thought we were doing better with me there, although I didn't say one word to anybody."

Eagles Nest: Tight end John Spagnola, who underwent surgery at the end of August to remove a cervical disc, has begun doing some contact work during practice. He's hoping to be back before the end of the season. . . . The Eagles' defense has been rated No. 1 in the NFL against the pass for most of the season. However, a closer look at the statistics shows that the Eagles have faced fewer passes than any team in the league. Opponents haven't had to pass, because the Eagles have been pushovers against the run.

RICH HOFMANN

man who reads English literature, wears pince-nez glasses, rolls an occasional cigarette and brightens an otherwise gloomy season with daily cartoons for the locker room. McMurrin fights whimsy with whimsy.

"It's a hell of a lot more difficult being a janitor than being a quarterback," he offered. "When it comes time to carry out the garbage, I've got to carry it myself. I can't hand it off to a running back. I might indicate, too, that when I'm vacuuming the hallway, I don't have a platoon of blockers ahead of me."

The next move was up to Ditka, who told McMurrin to put on a Bears uniform and report to practice November 9. The 5-8, 180-pound McMurrin wore No. 17, a quarterback's number. "Got to keep 'em loose, keep 'em relaxed," Ditka said. McMurrin, though complaining about the weight of the equipment, said his workout was a lot of fun, but the next day he ended the charade, saying, "Enough is enough."

To Bear fans, their team's perennial quarterback situation isn't funny. The notion of McMahon as the quarterback of the future brings up in their minds the question of whether the future ever will arrive. It seems to keep skipping ahead, like a mirage.

"I guess I've made it pretty clear," Ditka said. "People wanted me to make it clear and I beat around the bush for a while. I guess this is as clear as I can make it. If the Bears are going to win, I believe Jim McMahon's going to be the catalyst to make us win."

He had felt that way all along, he said. Sure, he had yanked him in four games and benched him in the next three, but in the manner of his paternal relationship with McMahon, Ditka simply was taking away his keys to the offense until he did his homework. "I was looking to get somebody's attention," Ditka said of the benching, and now he is satisfied with McMahon's work habits.

McMahon denied his work habits ever were unsatisfactory. He acknowledged he had thrown some interceptions before his benching, but he said he threw them trying to make big plays, something he would continue trying to do.

"When we have all these changes," he said of Ditka's sudden personnel moves at several positions, "I don't think that's helping us. I think we're playing too tentatively because everybody is just worried about being replaced."

"If I've put undue pressure on the players," Ditka said, "I'm going to take the undue pressure off of them. Then the pressure will come at the end of the year, when I evaluate whether they're here the following year or whether they're in a starting role. All we're going to do now is try to correct what they're doing wrong."

Bear Tracks: After becoming the fourth NFL player to rush for 11,000 yards and passing O.J. Simpson for second place on the all-time total yardage list, Payton said, "The way I feel now, I could probably play another three or four years." He said he had more enthusiasm than in his earlier seasons and also that mistakes upset him more. . . . Willie Gault caught 15 passes for six touchdowns and a 27.1-yard average in the first five games. In the next five, he caught 15 for a 14.7-yard average and no touchdowns.

Ditka could not understand all the fuss over the Bears' inability to run more than five plays in 2 minutes, 21 seconds after they got the ball at their 8-yard line November 6. There was 3:09 to play and the Rams were leading, 21-14. "I don't think we'd do anything different," he said. "We had one timeout when the game ended. We could have taken one more, but I didn't see that was a problem."

KEVIN LAMB

A New Understanding

Things have changed in the relationship between the National Football League Players Association and the NFL Management Council, and that's a welcome relief to Jack Donlan, the council's executive director.

Said he, "It seems to us there has been a major change in the union's philosophy. I've always believed that not everything between management and labor should be a confrontation. Some things, you ought to be working together on."

The philosophy is a result of the leadership exerted by Gene Upshaw, the union's new executive director. Said he, "I felt it was my move to extend the olive branch and let them know we've changed our direction. We've fought the war; now we have to live with the peace." Talking about his relationship with Donlan, Upshaw said, "We talk on the phone at least three times a week, sometimes every day. We let each other know what we're doing; we don't want to be surprised. We don't agree on everything. But this makes it a lot easier for us."

A prime example of the new relationship is the compromise worked out recently regarding severance pay to retired players. A potential controversy developed when ambiguous wording in the collective bargaining agreement led to different interpretations of the severance procedures. The union felt that a player who retired before the 1983 season would receive his severance pay in the third week of the '83 campaign. Management argued that payment should not come until the third week of the 1984 season.

Upshaw and Donlan worked together, and a new set of guidelines was established. Players who retired between November 16, 1982, and July 15, 1983, had until November 15 to submit a letter of retirement to the union and management council. Those players will receive their pay by January 2, 1984. A player who announces his intent to retire after July 15, 1983, has until May 15, 1984, to submit his letter. Provided he does not attend any mini-camps, training camps or sign with another league, the severance pay will come the day following the third game of the '84 season. A player who attends training camp next year, is cut and then submits a letter of retirement before the first regular-season game will receive his pay by April 15, 1985.

Upon receiving his check, each player will be required to sign a demand note. In the event the player, within 12 months of receiving his check, ends his retirement, all of the money must be returned. He would then be eligible for payment later under the established guidelines. However, no additional severance pay can be accrued.

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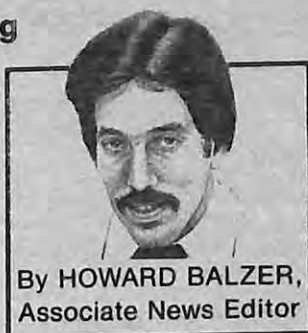
A settlement was reached on the steps of a Los Angeles courthouse November 10 which allowed cornerback Mike Haynes officially to join the Los Angeles Raiders. A \$5 million antitrust suit had been filed against the NFL for disallowing an October trade of Haynes from New England to the Raiders. That deal was for first- and third-round picks in the 1984 draft. Under terms of the settlement, the Patriots will receive a No. 1 pick in '84, a No. 2 pick in '85 and the Raiders a seventh-round pick, also in 1985. Technically, Haynes goes to the Raiders as a free agent and the compensation is for New England relinquishing its rights to Haynes. That's the only way the movement could be allowed under the collective-bargaining agreement.

Tight end Mark Raugh, who had a training-camp trial this year with the Steelers, was arraigned on a charge of negligent homicide in the death of Andre Gist, a guard last season for the United States Football League's Tampa Bay Bandits. Raugh and Gist were teammates at West Virginia University. Raugh was driving a car which toppled down a 60-foot embankment on a road near the West Virginia campus at 3 a.m. November 6. Gist died of respiratory failure while Raugh and another passenger were treated for minor injuries. Police alleged that Raugh was speeding and driving left of center and that he failed to maintain control of the car. Raugh also had been charged with disorderly conduct when he had an altercation with a campus police officer at the hospital after the accident. Additionally, a loaded .32 caliber revolver was found in the car.

A U.S. court of appeals in New York upheld a lower federal court's ruling which dismissed an antitrust suit filed against the NFL by three former owners in the World Football League. The suit was filed when the NFL did not grant an immediate expansion franchise to Memphis in 1976. Two of the owners, John Bassett and Bill Tatham, are currently owners in the USFL, of Tampa Bay and Oklahoma, respectively.

The Drug Scene

The NFL now will be faced with a dilemma concerning Greg Pruitt's admission that he bought cocaine and tried it four or five times more than a year ago. In a Columbus, O., murder trial, an FBI agent testified that Pruitt had purchased cocaine from Edward Hanna and had at one time owed Hanna \$18,000 for drugs. Hanna and Fred Lemmens were murdered March 6



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in what police say was an aborted drug deal. FBI agent Gordon Johnson said that Joseph Weeks, one of three men charged in the murders, was an FBI informant, and it was Weeks who said Hanna had supplied Pruitt with cocaine.

Pruitt, who was traded by the Cleveland Browns to the Raiders on the day of the 1982 draft, was quoted as saying, "I've bought cocaine, but I've never bought cocaine from him. I never knew he was a dealer. I've done coke with him four or five times. It was an experimental thing for me. I haven't used coke in over a year, and I don't want to use it anymore. The best thing for me was coming here, because it got me away from those people." The Cleveland Plain Dealer reported last summer that during a visit to the Browns' training camp by NFL security people, it was mentioned that a West Coast player soon would be indicted for drug use. While Pruitt hasn't been indicted, the NFL was probably aware that his name would come up in the Columbus trial.

One wonders why Pruitt, while denying the allegation made at the trial, then would volunteer information about his own cocaine use. Pete Johnson and Ross Browner of the Bengals were suspended by the league last summer after testifying that they had bought cocaine some two or three years ago. After Pruitt's comments, the NFL would say only it was "aware of the situation."

One day after being charged with five felony sex and drug counts, former Cowboys linebacker Thomas (Hollywood) Henderson checked into the CareUnit Hospital in California for treatment of drug use. Henderson had been arrested after two teen-age girls, one a paraplegic, said he lured them to his apartment, where Henderson forced the able-bodied girl to have sex with him at gunpoint. Henderson later claimed the girls solicited him on the street. He was charged with two counts of false imprisonment and one each of forced oral copulation, sexual battery and furnishing cocaine to a minor. Said attorney Barry Gold after Henderson entered CareUnit, "He's very ill."

The Negotiating Game

Oilers running back Earl Campbell said he knew nothing about reports he was negotiating with the USFL's San Antonio Gunslingers. Said Campbell on November 11, the day reports were published in San Antonio concerning the alleged talks, "I heard about this San Antonio deal for the first time when I woke up this morning. It hasn't even been considered. I'm upset that this individual in San Antonio would represent himself as my agent." The individual in question was Ben Armstrong, who admitted not knowing Campbell but said he was urged by one of his unnamed "clients" to present the Gunslingers with a "concept" of a contract for Campbell. The Gunslingers were said to be ready to pay \$2.5 million for three years. Said Armstrong, "I never said I represented Earl Campbell." Meanwhile, there were reports that the Oilers were talking with the Packers about a possible trade that would take effect after the season. The Oilers would receive quarterback Rich Campbell and two unidentified players.

Cleveland quarterback Brian Sipe met with New Jersey Generals Owner Donald Trump in New York November 8, but after the meeting Trump indicated he was now interested in a different quarterback, the Broncos' Steve DeBerg. That statement didn't go over well with the Denver Gold, who recently acquired DeBerg's rights from the Oakland Invaders. Said Gold General Manager Bill Roth about talks between Jack Childers, DeBerg's agent, and the Generals, "That's tampering. We let it be known yesterday (November 7) that we weren't interested in trading away Steve DeBerg's rights, and I think that will take care of the situation." However, the following day, Generals executive vice president Jim Gould said, "I don't think he'd (DeBerg) like to play for any other team in the USFL but the Generals." Gould has burned a number of bridges in his two previous USFL stops (Birmingham and Washington) and may be doing the same in New Jersey.

Around the USFL

The Pittsburgh Maulers announced the signing of a four-year lease for use of Three Rivers Stadium, and the NFL Steelers responded by calling the agreement a "serious breach" of the team's own lease. The agreement with the Maulers will be voided if the courts determine it improperly violated the Steelers' lease. A Steelers statement said, "This breach requires that we review all options open to us in this matter." . . . The Memphis Showboats have lost two front-office executives. Player personnel director Charley Arney left for a job as defensive coordinator of the Chicago Blitz while public relations director Paul Manasseh left for a similar job with the New Orleans Breakers. Manasseh had been at LSU before going to Memphis last August. . . . The Blitz also named Whitey Dovell offensive line coach and Tom Beck offensive backfield coach. Arney and Dovell coached with the Gold last year under Red Miller while Beck had been the head coach at Elmhurst College since 1976.

In an effort to generate fan interest, the Washington Federals had an unusual get-together November 12. Fans were invited to RFK Stadium to watch the team's 1983 highlight film and, hopefully, buy season tickets. What was unusual about that? Well, interested fans could have their ankles taped by trainer Frank Rice and be outfitted in a team uniform. Sliced oranges and Squincher were served to film watchers. More than 1,000

people attended, and Rice taped 87 people, including two women, 54 and 57, along with a 1½-year-old girl who had her wrist taped. In addition, 219 fans donned uniforms, and 225 season tickets were sold. . . . San Antonio added Tommy Roberts as an assistant coach. Roberts had compiled a 130-37-4 record as a high school coach in the area. . . . Former TCU coach F.A. Dry assisted Oklahoma at a recent mini-camp, fueling speculation he would become an Outlaws assistant. Insiders still insist that Redskins assistant Jerry Rhome will become Oklahoma's coach at the conclusion of the NFL season. However, should the Redskins make it to the Super Bowl on January 22, Rhome would go right to work at training camp the next day. . . . The first national TV game of the season reportedly will be a rematch of the Philadelphia-Michigan championship game.

Faces and Places

Showing how much he has to learn, new Bears President Michael McCaskey said, "I am confident there is the talent on the field and in the front office for this team to contend for the championship." McCaskey, 39, has no prior NFL management experience and is the grandson of George Halas, who died October 31. Virginia McCaskey, Halas' only living child, controls 89 percent of the team's stock and is Michael's mother. Edward McCaskey, Michael's father, was named chairman of the board. Pat McCaskey, Michael's brother, remains the team's publicity director. . . . At a recent fund-raising auction at a Cleveland church, Brian Sipe's jersey and an autographed team football went for \$52.50 each. The donor was Barbara Rutigliano, the wife of the Browns coach. . . . When tackle Lindsey Mason recently was signed by the Colts, he reported at 298 pounds. . . . When the Bears, Chargers and Lions activated injured reserve players prior to games of November 13, that used up those clubs' three "free" activations.

When Charlie Young caught a touchdown pass in Seattle's October 30 game with the Raiders, it was the first TD reception by a Seahawks tight end since 1979 and only the sixth in club history. . . . The Colts officially announced the switch of training camp sites from Goucher College to Western Maryland. . . . Kim Rivera, the wife of paralyzed Steelers lineman Gabe Rivera, gave birth to a boy November 10. . . . Chargers team physician Dr. Lee Rice said he wouldn't be surprised if quarterback Dan Fouts "doesn't come back this year." Said Fouts, "I've never been in this much pain for such a long period of time." . . . San Diego safety Bob Gregor recently underwent arthroscopic knee surgery. . . . A judge in Texas dismissed a paternity suit against Chiefs receiver J.T. Smith because the woman failed to prove her husband did not have "access" to her.

Quotable

Receiver Hosea Fortune was working as a male model before recently signing with the Chargers. Said he, "It's a very plastic world. It's fake, a lot of makeup and phony people. It's a world of illusion, a dream world, and it's hard to get in—kind of like football."

After Bears Coach Mike Ditka handed the play-calling duties back to offensive coordinator Ed Hughes, Ditka said, "I just feel that he didn't do a bad job in the first place. He did an excellent job in the first place. I probably put too much pressure on him early. And I know that I'm not going to put pressure on anybody anymore. I'm just going to do my job and get the people ready to play and try to keep them pumped up on the sidelines and encouraged and positive."

Rams running back Eric Dickerson on what it's like to be an instant millionaire: "A couple days after I signed, a guy called my stepfather asking for a \$130,000 loan. He said he needed the money because he had a cure for cancer, AIDS and leukemia."

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Irate Campbell Requests Trade

HOUSTON—Earl Campbell has told the Houston Oilers he wants to be traded after this season.

"I'm just one of many individuals in America who think it's time to get a new address," Campbell said. "I've been here for six years, and I do have some good friends, but the handwriting was on the wall a long time ago. I hope the Houston Oilers' organization follows up on it. It would be best for all of us."

Campbell's unhappiness surfaced after the 10th game of the season. The Oilers lost to Cincinnati, 55-14, for their 17th consecutive defeat.

Like many of the starters, Campbell was benched midway through the third quarter, with the Oilers trailing, 41-0. After the game, Campbell criticized Coach Chuck Studley for benching him. Campbell said he has "personal goals."

Studley explained that Campbell was removed because "it would have been folly to risk him to injury in a hopeless situation."

Campbell demanded an explanation. He got it, but he failed to get an ego massage from Studley.

"I told Earl it was my decision," Studley said. "I didn't try to persuade him. I made no effort to apologize. I didn't patronize him. I told him I thought it was the right decision, and if I had to do it over again, I'd do the same thing."

Two days later, Campbell told Houston sportscaster Ron Franklin that he wants out.

"It was pretty obvious after the game that I feel the best thing for me is to be out of here," Campbell said. "I still feel that way."

"I don't think I said anything to hurt anybody's feelings. I just said something that I want to happen."

"I have nothing against Coach Studley. God knows, I do respect him, and I think he's doing a good job."

Campbell did not disclose his reason for wanting to be traded. Speculation centered on his contract. His base salary for 1983 is \$400,000, including \$100,000 deferred.

According to the NFL Management Council, Chicago's Walter Payton is the highest-paid running back, earning \$500,000 this season. Tony Dorsett of Dallas and Campbell are the second highest paid backs.

"I don't see how Earl could be unhappy with his contract," General Manager Ladd Herzeg said. "We feel he's being equitably compensated in comparison to other running backs in the NFL."

Trades in the NFL cannot be made until after the Pro Bowl but Campbell began negotiations with the United States Football League's San Antonio Gunslingers. Because he's contracted to the Oilers through the 1985 season, Campbell couldn't begin playing in the USFL until the '86 USFL season.

Gushers: Oliver Luck, a two-year veteran, made his regular-season debut in the second quarter of the Cincinnati game, replacing Gifford Nielsen. Luck hit on 24 of 41 passes for 229 yards and a touchdown. He also threw two interceptions and lost two fumbles. That performance earned him his first start, against Denver.

JOHN McCLAIN



Two-Back Attack Has Offense Back

CINCINNATI—After struggling through the first seven weeks of the season, the Cincinnati Bengals have gone to one of those new-wave formations—the two-back set. Sure, it's about as innovative as the leather helmet, but the results have been somewhat revolutionary—Cincinnati has a running game.

The Bengals began running the ball well and won their first three games after the switch. They scored 117 points during the span, nine more than in the previous seven games combined. And they ran more than 40 times each game—the first time since Forrest Gregg became coach in 1980 they had done that in successive games. They also gained 200 yards rushing in back-to-back weeks (against Green Bay and Houston) for the first time in Gregg's tenure.

"The way we utilized our one-back offense, people sort of caught up with what we were doing," Gregg said. "We really have a better variation of plays now."

Ironically, one of the primary reasons the Bengals went to a two-back formation was to improve their pass protection. Teams were exploiting the one-back protection by blitzing two linebackers on the same side.

"What we realized is, we were just getting too much pressure (on the quarterback) and weren't as effective as we should be running the ball," Gregg said. "So we just made the switch."

The return of rookie center Dave Rimington, who missed five games with a sprained foot, and fullback Pete Johnson,

who is back in form after reporting out of shape after his drug suspension, also makes a big difference in the running attack. And rookie Stanley Wilson gained 183 yards in two starts before suffering a knee injury that will sideline him a couple of weeks. While the Bengals say the new formation and emphasis on running isn't necessarily the formula for the future, it's clearly working now.

"I think we've figured things out—what's good for Cincinnati this year, not last year or the year before," said quarterback Turk Schonert, who played well in Ken Anderson's absence. "It's working because our offense is a lot more balanced."

"We're in a transition period," said quarterback and receivers coach Bruce Coslet. "There was going to have to be a change, and we knew it (going into the season). . . . The degree might have surprised us at first. We have to evolve. I think you either improve and keep improving or you wither on the vine. I think you see that happened to us, and it has happened to quite a few offensive powers."

It is not, however, simply a case of a change having a magical effect, he said.

"I don't care if we would have had four backs in the backfield, we weren't executing it at first," Coslet said. "We're playing better. We're playing up to potential."

Bengal Bites: Rookie punt returner-receiver Mike Martin suffered a broken right fibula against the Oilers and will be out for the year. . . . Wilson, who appeared to have secured the starting halfback job with two excellent performances, suffered stretched ligaments in his left knee and was expected to miss about two games after undergoing arthroscopic surgery. Charles Alexander, who missed two starts with a groin pull, returned to the lineup, but at his old position, halfback. Johnson remained the starting fullback. . . . Tight end M.L. Harris signed a two-year contract—this year and next. He was one of the players in his option year. . . . Archie Griffin, who spent the first 10 weeks of the season on injured reserve with a pulled abdominal muscle, was expected to be activated to fill Martin's spot on the roster, but there was still some doubt if he was ready.

MIKE DODD



QB's Wanderlust Upsets the Browns

CLEVELAND—The contractual hassles of Brian Sipe and Paul McDonald are not the sole cause of the Cleveland Browns' fall from playoff contention, but the muddled affair certainly hasn't helped matters, Coach Sam Rutigliano said.

"All I know is that before this entire scenario began, we were 3-1," the coach said. "When you have two quarterbacks who have made serious moves to go to another football team, it is absurd to think that it hasn't hurt the Cleveland Browns."

"Let's not play with words. I think it's very difficult to prepare for one job while you're in pursuit of another job."

On his day off November 8, Sipe was in New York talking to officials of the New Jersey Generals, who first expressed interest in Sipe after the Browns improved their record to 3-1 by defeating the San Diego Chargers in September.

On October 19, McDonald ended speculation that he would defect to the USFL's Los Angeles Express when he agreed in principle to a new, two-year contract that would keep him in Cleveland at least until the end of the 1984 season. However, McDonald has not yet signed on the bottom line. He apparently is having second thoughts because of Marc Wilson's multi-year, multi-million-dollar contract with the Los Angeles Raiders.

All three of the Browns' quarterbacks—Sipe, McDonald and third-stringer Rick Trocano—are eligible to become free agents February 1.

Perhaps hoping he can squeeze one more miracle out of a sore-armed quarterback whose magic may be gone, Rutigliano named Sipe as the starter for the November 13 game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. McDonald had started the previous two games, a victory over Houston and a loss to Green Bay, when Sipe's arm problems prevented him from playing.

In essence, a season once filled with promise has been crushed in the vise of the quarterback controversy. The Browns were 5-5 after losing three of their last four.

Further evidence of the decline: The Browns led the NFL in giving up interceptions (23), penalties (82) and penalty yardage (714). The Browns also were last in the league in sacks with 14.

Going into the Tampa Bay game, Sipe still had a sore arm, the same problems for which he was benched after the October 23 loss to Cincinnati. He was supposed to awaken a club that appeared ready to go into hibernation for the winter.

"It's apparent his arm is not 100 percent," Rutigliano said, "but his arm is sound enough to play, and I think he can take us to the playoffs. That's the overriding factor."

Where does this leave the 25-year-old McDonald, the "quarterback of the future," the quarterback whose future—this time—lasted for only two starts?

This much is clear. If McDonald had been overwhelmingly impressive, he would still be the starter.

"If he had done that," Rutigliano said, "he would have been playing. I don't think he played badly. But I don't think he played well enough for us not to start Brian Sipe."

Forget that Sipe was in New York talking to the Generals

one day, and that he was back home preparing to start against Tampa Bay the next day. Rutigliano said he did not intend to meet with Sipe in an effort to make sure his priorities are straight.

"There's nothing for me to say to him," Rutigliano said. "By making him the starter, I've shown that I have all the confidence in the world in him."

Brownie Points: The club reactivated punter-placekicker Steve Cox, who had undergone surgery in the preseason to remove fluid that had collected in the brain and caused blurred vision. To make room for Cox, running back Vagas Ferguson was waived.

ED MEYER



QB's Must Beware Of the 'Pit Monster'

PITTSBURGH—Keith Willis wasn't the biggest lineman in Newark, N.J., but he was the Pit Monster.

The football coaches at Malcolm X Shabazz High School appreciated toughness. So they devised a drill in which a defensive lineman would battle his way through a gauntlet of three offensive linemen. The toughest would be rewarded with a few bruises, but the winner also carried the title of Pit Monster until he was beaten.

Willis, who weighed less than 200 pounds as a senior, left high school as the Pit Monster. Despite his lack of size, Willis was tough. Things haven't changed. He came to the Pittsburgh Steelers as an undersized underdog and has become a Pit Monster. Even though he isn't a starter, Willis, a free agent who sweated through two training camps wondering if he would be cut, has become one of the National Football League's best pass rushers. Through 10 games, he had 13 sacks.

While a student at Northeastern, Willis planned to convert an experimental degree program into a career of working with the handicapped, juvenile delinquents and geriatric patients. Pro football was an afterthought.

"In college, I weighed as much as 230, but I would play at 202 at times," he said. "I was just a little, fat, dumpy dude."

Willis now weighs 249. His biggest asset is speed, which is the reason he made the team as a rookie. His potential earned him a spot on a roster, and his speed earned him more playing time as the season progressed.

The addition of first-round draft picks Keith Gary and Gabe Rivera created an overcrowded defensive line this season. Because he was the free agent in the group, many felt Willis, who was also the lightest, might be cut. After the preseason, however, that was the last thing on the coaches' minds. Willis led the Steelers with six sacks in five preseason games.

"I have always had pass-rushing ability, but I have to be able to defend against the run, too," Willis said. "I don't want to dwell on just the big play."

Willis' aggressiveness improved the defense's performance—even in practice. A few days before the Steelers' victory over the San Diego Chargers, one coach told Willis to get off the field because he was disrupting the offense too much by beating offensive linemen to the punch with his speed. Since joining the Steelers, he has helped turn practice sessions into high-intensity drills.

"You have to get ready for the games in the practices," Willis said.

Willis didn't feel slighted when the NFL showed little interest in him in college. At 232 pounds, he wasn't considered prime material.

"Recognition is very important," Willis said. "It's a draft of individuals. They weren't drooling at the mouth for me."

They may be now, for both Willis and his mates on the defensive line. Through 10 games, Willis had one-third of the Steelers' 39 sacks.

Double-team blocking hasn't helped. Often, teams have taken tight ends out of their offense and made them blockers to handle the pass-rushing ends: Gary and Willis, who line up outside the tackles and try to meet at the quarterback. Once this season, against San Diego's Ed Luther, they met too quickly. Luther unloaded the ball while Willis held him by the jersey. But Gary slid in front of him and crashed into the second-year end.

Both were on the ground for several minutes but recovered and returned to record more sacks. Such are the problems of a Pit Monster.

Curtain Calls: Linebacker Bob Kohrs was placed on injured reserve after undergoing knee surgery. That allowed the Steelers to activate John Stallworth from injured reserve. . . . Noll has changed his offense because of kicker Gary Anderson. Anderson, who made 21 of his first 24 field-goal attempts this year and 31 of the first 36 in his career, is almost sure he will kick any time the Steelers are in opponents' territory. The Steelers had a league low total of six touchdown passes during the first 10 weeks of the season. Noll said he doesn't want to try plays that might risk losing the three points. . . . Terry Bradshaw strained a triceps muscle that prevented him from throwing for two weeks. He is beginning to doubt that he'll play this year. . . . Rivera remains on a ventilator in a Pittsburgh hospital trauma unit following his auto accident.

JOHN CLAYTON

Elway Granted A 2nd Season

DENVER—If it's up to John Elway, if the playoff potential of the Denver Broncos now is back in his hands, then that responsibility no longer is in the hands of a rookie quarterback.

Elway, the No. 1 choice in the 1983 draft, already has had his rookie season. It was a well-documented disaster. But that experience is behind him.



You have his word on it, but perhaps more importantly, you have Steve DeBerg's word on it.

DeBerg is the quarterback who first bailed out Elway, then bailed out the Broncos, leading them into contention for the AFC West Division title with four straight victories before his shoulder was crushed on the artificial turf in Seattle's Kingdome. DeBerg has been lost for the season, but he has high hopes for both Elway and the Broncos.

"There's no question that John's a lot better prepared for the starting role now," DeBerg said after Elway had relieved him and inspired a late but losing rally against the Seahawks. "I think what happened to him earlier in the season will now be an advantage to him."

What happened to Elway before was largely attributable to pressure—the all-out rushes of opposing teams and the all-out expectations of an entire community. "Everything was new to him before," said DeBerg. "He was learning so much, he didn't have time to absorb any of it."

Five weeks on the sidelines, however, may have been just enough time for Elway to collect himself. He had time to absorb the concept of Coach Dan Reeves' offense and time to learn to put it into practice.

"It's a whole different thing looking at it now, than before," said Elway. "I understand it a lot better and the more I understand it and learn how to use it, the more I like it."

"I can see the big picture instead of the little parts of it. Actually, the offense is not that difficult, but I had to get a different perspective on it."

Not starting, said Elway, gave him an opportunity to study Denver's offense rather than opponents' defense. The experience, he said, has made him "more automatic" and less stilted.

DeBerg turned the controls back to Elway with the same grace he displayed when he took them away.

"John can do it," DeBerg said. "I have tremendous confidence in him and I have tremendous confidence in this team."

Bronco Busters: The Broncos have used all of their three moves to reactivate players, but the NFL grants an additional free move for teams that make the playoffs, a move that would allow the Broncos to reactive DeBerg for postseason play. . . . Running back Gerald Willhite reinjured a hamstring against the Seahawks, a problem that has plagued him all season. . . . Rookie Gary Kubiak is the only replacement for Elway, but the Broncos do not plan to sign a new quarterback. Safety Steve Foley and running back Dave Preston will be the "disaster quarterbacks."

JOSEPH SANCHEZ



Defense Is Name Of Charger Game

SAN DIEGO—It has been a most ironic season for the San Diego Chargers.

The offense, once the best in the game, has lost All-pro quarterback Dan Fouts with a shoulder injury and at times has been reduced to the striking power of a cricket.

Over the past few years, with the offense running up enormous numbers, and the defense allowing them, the so-called experts said: "Just give San Diego an adequate defense, and it's all over."

Finally growing wise enough to realize this themselves, Charger officials revamped the defense. They brought in new blood, such as rookie linebackers Billy Ray Smith and Mike Green and cornerbacks Danny Walters and Gill Byrd. They got rid of those they believed could no longer help, such as Mike Williams and Jeff Allen, last year's starting cornerbacks.

Realizing that it would take the new defense time to ripen, the Chargers nevertheless knew that the first half of the 1983 schedule wasn't all that difficult. They felt that the offense could carry the load. Then, when the Redskins, Cowboys and Raiders came calling later in the season, the defense would be better and everything would fall into place.

Alas, everything has fallen apart—offensively, and therein lies the irony. The defense has improved to the point where one has to believe that if the offense were up to snuff, this would be quite a football team.

"Our defense is—by far—much better than it has been in the past," said Jim Wagstaff, who has coached the secondary since 1981. "Especially recently. Over the last three or four games, we've played the best defense I've seen since I've been here."

"I still hear all this stuff about our defense, but if people don't



John Elway . . . A second chance.

think we're better, they aren't watching. And we'll continue to get better. We're going to get to the point where we start taking people away.

"Based on teams I've coached in the past (the Rams and Bills), I have no doubt that if our offense was playing the way it normally does, we would be winning easy."

Winning has not been a part of the Chargers' vocabulary in 1983. But in the second half of the season, the coaching staff will not experiment. The object now is to prepare for 1984 through winning in 1983.

"I'm a realist about what it takes to win in the National Football League," said Tom Bass, who coordinates the defense. "With all the things that have happened to this team, I'm not surprised we haven't won."

"It's important now that we win because it carries over to next year. We can't afford the luxury of not finishing strong because the young players on this team have to learn how to win."

Lightning Bolts: The injury to Fouts, a sprained muscle in his right rotator cuff, is slow to heal, and the plan is not to bring him back until he's totally well. No one can say if that will come before the season's end. . . . Receiver Charlie Joiner now ranks tied for seventh on the all-time pass-catching list. He has played in 143 consecutive games.

NICK CANEPA



Plunkett Again Back In Control of Attack

LOS ANGELES—Tom Flores experienced his share of ups and downs as a quarterback in the old American Football League. But what the Los Angeles Raiders' coach went through was nothing compared to some of the elevator rides Jim Plunkett has experienced in 13 seasons.

"You talk about picking yourself up and coming back—I can't count the number of times people have counted Jim out, although I think it was unfair much of the time," Flores said of the Raiders' once and future starting quarterback. "We felt he would be asked to contribute again."

But neither Flores nor Plunkett could have guessed that the veteran, who was benched after seven weeks of the season, would be back in the starting lineup four weeks later.

Injuries have a way of changing things rapidly in the National Football League. Flores elevated fourth-year player Marc Wilson to the starting job for the eighth game despite a 5-2 record with Plunkett at the controls.

But in his third start, Wilson suffered a broken left shoulder and is expected to be sidelined for the remainder of the season.

Enter Plunkett, the reborn quarterback who has played this role before. Most recently, in fact, he came back from a 2½-

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Kush Possible Coach of Year

BALTIMORE—Frank Kush has been called a lot of things, many of them unprintable. But it may be just about time to start calling the controversial coach of the Baltimore Colts something new—NFL coach of the year.

After the Colts stunned the New York Jets, 17-14, to boost their record to 6-4, Kush was on the verge of posting one of the best second-season marks ever for an NFL coach facing a major rebuilding job.

The players are even talking about getting a playoff berth, although that may be a bit unrealistic. Even Kush said, "We're just struggling from week to week. Don't get carried away, men."

The way the Colts manage to win all but defies the imagination. This is what happened on the winning touchdown pass against the Jets: Mike Pagel ran a bootleg left and was supposed to throw to Tracy Porter or Tim Sherwin coming across the middle. They were covered, so Pagel scrambled to his right and spotted Matt Bouza in the end zone. But his throw was too low and Bobby Jackson of the Jets jumped up to make the interception. The ball bounced off his hands right into the waiting arms of Curtis Dickey in the end zone.

"Way to do it. Just the way we practiced it all week," Dickey said to Pagel when they returned to the sideline.

That's the way the Colts manage to get it done. Kush has them hustling. They forced nine turnovers in back-to-back victories over the Eagles and the Jets and didn't give up one turnover themselves.

The Colts' plus-seven turnover margin through 10 games is an example of how quickly Kush has transformed this club that was 0-8-1 last year and took a 34-7 pasting in the finale against Miami. "I'll never forget that as long as I live," Kush said.

Kush, who was named Coach of the Year in 1975 by the American Football Coaches Association when his Arizona State team was ranked No. 1 by THE SPORTING NEWS and No. 2 in the wire service polls after beating Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl, should be getting some more postseason honors. His chief competition for the NFL coaching honor this year probably is Chuck Noll, who has Pittsburgh comfortably atop the AFC Central despite injuries and defections to the USFL. But Noll always has been overlooked in the voting.

Kush, who has three years left on the five-year contract he signed in 1982, is looking out for the future of the club.

He said he'll "go to bat" for Dickey with Owner Bob Irsay in an attempt to get Irsay to sign the running back, who is in his option year.

Irsay has made a habit of refusing to sign veterans, and it has long been rumored that Dickey—who isn't talking to members of the media this year—is heading to the USFL next year. But Dickey's new agent, Patrick Forte, says his client might remain in Baltimore if he gets a fair offer from Irsay.

If Irsay doesn't sign the veterans, it is likely that Kush will be open to other offers when his contract expires. Kush has warned that the team will "revert back" if the veterans aren't kept.

When Irsay was asked after the victory over the Jets if he was going to keep the team together, he just turned his head and pretended not to hear the question.

Kush's ability to win despite all of Irsay's fiascos, like the John Elway trade, is remarkable.

Colt Corral: The Colts lifted the home TV blackout for the first time since 1980 when the Pittsburgh game was sold out five days in advance. The last time it happened was for the 1980 opener against the Steelers. Since Pittsburgh is only a five-hour drive from Baltimore, thousands of Steeler fans purchased tickets, creating the sellout. . . . Kush warned the Colts not to verbally knock Mark Gastineau before the Colts made the trip to New York to play the Jets. Instead, they knocked Richard Todd after the game, claiming that it was easy to rattle him. Kush promptly chewed out his team the next day. "Why criticize somebody?" Kush said. "He's a very fine quarterback. And you may need a friend someday." Kush also has to be concerned because the Jets visit Baltimore on December 4.

VITO STELLINO



Foes Put Clamps On Jets' Walker

NEW YORK—He is the classic thoroughbred, bred for speed but not exactly for soundness. Wesley Walker could always be expected to burn a secondary with his sprinter's speed, but sometimes he would come back to the barn lame.

In fact, his penchant for missing practices because of leg ailments used to drive former New York Jets coach Walt Michaels batty. But this year, the two-time Pro Bowl wide receiver is in the midst of one of his healthiest seasons since joining



Frank Kush . . . Hanging his head no more.

the Jets from the University of California in 1977. He has not missed a down and he has sat out far fewer practices than in recent years.

But after a fast break from the gate—23 catches for 375 yards and five touchdowns in his first four games—Walker has drifted back to the pack. He's been a victim of stacked defenses and quarterback Richard Todd's inability to get him the ball. Walker went without a scoring pass in six consecutive games, the longest drought since his rookie season.

His 14.1-yard average in 1983 looks paltry in comparison to a career mark of 20.2 and absolutely skimpy in light of the 24.4 standard in his All-Pro season of 1978.

"It's just frustrating for me," Walker said. "I haven't been happy with my performance. I'm getting doubled a lot and guys are just playing me a lot tougher. I can't run good man-to-man routes because I'm seeing a lot more zone than before. I haven't been able to set up people."

But it hasn't been all defenses. Surely, opponents have doubled Walker more this year because of the Jets' inconsistency at the other receiver slot, shared by Lam Jones, who has come on after a slow start, and Derrick Gaffney. And with Freeman McNeil out with a separated shoulder, Walker and Todd were the Jets' only big-play weapons.

To make matters worse, this has been a miserable year for Todd, who has plummeted from third to 11th in the AFC quarterback rankings. Todd has consistently underthrown Walker, who has consistently been beating even double coverage deep. Twice against Miami and once against Baltimore, Todd threw too short for Walker, who was open in the end zone.

Walker, of course, defends his quarterback. "Maybe I should have been more alert to break up a few of those passes," he says. "Richard's thrown me some perfect passes and I've dropped them."

Todd may be guilty of trying to force the ball to Walker even when the coverage calls for another receiver.

"Richard likes to go to me," Walker said. "That's because he has confidence in me. But I'm not a one-man team."

Walker is almost certain to hit a personal high for catches in a season—he had 48 in 1978—and he still has a chance to better the nine TD receptions he had in 1981. But the Jets' offense has been less long-ball oriented than in the past. Coach Joe Walton's offensive philosophy is to keep the chains moving, confident the big plays will come.

But Walker has been involved in few of them. A 48-yard catch against Seattle was his longest of the season, but in five of the Jets' first 10 games, he failed to catch a pass of 20 yards.

"People are taking certain things away from us," Walker said. "I'm running shorter routes and people are keying on me. Yardage-wise, I'm disappointed in my production. But I have to have pride in myself. I've got to catch the football and do something with it. I still haven't had anything deep."

"I'm confident in what we're doing. Joe Walton is a very smart guy. He looks at the game films and he knows what he's doing. Of course, I'd like to fly down and catch a million deep balls, but it just doesn't happen that way."

Jetstream: Baltimore became the second AFC East team to criticize Todd for getting "rattled" under pressure. Similar comments were made by Miami cornerback William Judson after Todd threw five interceptions against the Dolphins. "I think it's kind of easy to mess him up," said Colts linebacker Greg Bracelin. Todd responded: "If that's the way they approach the game, that's up to them. I have no comment on that. We beat them, 37-0, last year. I don't think I have to defend myself. Just remember, we play 'em again (December 4)."

PETER FINNEY JR.



Moore Aging Less Than Once Feared

MIAMI—The Miami Dolphins tried to trade him before the season and found no takers. Nat Moore, Miami's all-time leading receiver, seemed destined to play out the twilight of his career in eclipse—as a reserve receiver who was in reality a reserve blocker.

Moore, 32 and in his 10th National Football League season, was going to add the mental scar of fading away to the other scars that dot his knees. But a funny thing happened on the way to retirement.

Nat Moore found new life in his old legs, all because of a rookie quarterback and a world-class sprinter with hands. Dan Marino, who took over at quarterback five games ago, decided he liked Moore as a target. Mark Duper, who took over at the other wide receiver when Duriel Harris was benched, proved to be a deep threat who had to be double covered.

Re-enter Moore, a proud man who never gave up on himself even though he had all but given up hope of ever regaining his preeminence in a Miami uniform.

Now Moore again is diving for passes in the end zone, catching the third-down pass when Miami has to have it, again a feared member of the Dolphins' attack.

"I don't feel younger," Moore said after catching two touchdown passes to lead the Dolphins past the 49ers two weeks ago. "I just feel happier."

Small wonder. Moore has caught five touchdown passes since Marino took over. He caught eight passes in the first five games, 20 in the next five. The vintage roadster consigned to a place in the garage is back roaring down the highway.

Six catches for 85 yards against the 49ers proved that. Turning 49ers cornerback Ronnie Lott every which way but loose proved that.

"Like I told Nat after the game, I've faced some great receivers, but none who educated me like he did today," Lott said. "Every time I tried something on him, he adjusted. He's a very crafty veteran. He has moves, speed and an ability to adjust to any situation."

And how those situations have changed for Moore since the Dolphins went through changes after playing New Orleans. Actually, it began for Moore when Jimmy Cefalo suffered a knee injury in the Dolphins' opener at Buffalo. He began to get more playing time.

But he didn't start getting more passes thrown his way until Marino took over at quarterback. "Nat is a great receiver, and he's one of the guys who really has helped me," Marino said. "He adjusts very quickly to coverages, and I've gotten a feel for what he likes to do."

Like all receivers, what Moore likes to do is catch the ball. After the victory over the 49ers, his teammates threw him a game ball, too.

"I kidded Nat and told him this was his first (game ball) since 1970," said Dolphins Coach Don Shula. "But, really, Nat has been doing this for us every week."

He has been every week since Marino took over, anyway. Just two seasons ago, Moore caught only three touchdown passes, but he never lost hope.

"I never lost confidence in myself," Moore said.

Dolphin Flips: There has been no progress reported in negotiations between Shula and Owner Joe Robbie. Shula, whose contract expires in February, has refused comment on negotiations. . . . Defensive end Doug Betters, whose two fumble recoveries in the last two minutes against the 49ers secured the win, also had a sack to push his league-leading total to 14.

LARRY DORMAN



Injury to White Cuts Pass Rush

BUFFALO—Some fans wondered why the Buffalo Bills worked so hard at talking veteran defensive end Sherman White out of retirement plans after the 1982 season. Now they know why.

The 12th-year veteran's absence from the lineup in midseason was causing all kinds of problems in the pass rush.

White underwent arthroscopic surgery in early November for removal of a bone spur from his right knee. In the first two games he missed, the Bills registered no quarterback sacks and put virtually no pressure on the passer.

Buffalo ranked near the bottom of the NFL in sacks after 10 weeks. "It's because of the injury to Sherman White," Coach Kay Stephenson said.

When the Bills go with their normal four-man pass rush, Stephenson believes he has two ideal "outside type" rushers in White and Ben Williams and two "bull rushers" in Fred Smerlas and Ken Johnson to pressure the pocket from the inside.

With White out, the combination was upset because Johnson had to move to right end, where he is ineffective. There is no

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adequate replacement at Johnson's tackle spot. Of the available spares, Bill Acker is a nose tackle type, Scott Virkus is a rookie and Scott Hutchinson hasn't played since 1982 training camp.

"We've had to use a lot of three-man fronts because of the lack of depth," Stephenson said.

With two rookies in the secondary (David Kilson at left cornerback and Mike Kennedy at strong safety), the Bills are reluctant to call too many linebacker blitzes to help the pass rush.

"When you blitz, blitz, blitz, that's when you put people (defensive backs) on the spot," Stephenson said.

Bill Board: The Bills list 13 players on injured reserve, including four starters. Latest to go down was wide receiver Jerry Butler, who needed ligament surgery on his knee. . . . Linebacker Jim Haslett put on pads for the first time since August, and hopes to rejoin the team in December. Haslett underwent an enzyme injection procedure to ease pressure on a spinal nerve caused by a ruptured disc.

MILT NORTHROP



A Relaxed Grogan Cuts Interceptions

FOXBORO, Mass.—For Steve Grogan, the ghosts are behind him now. No longer do they search him out each time he takes a snap and begins to retreat. No longer does he feel them at his shoulder, forcing him to try what he cannot do.

He is at peace now, with his game and with himself, because he no longer feels the need to carry the entire load. At last, after nine years of searching, he has begun to realize he is a thoroughbred, not a Clydesdale.

"I always felt, especially when I was starting out, that I had to do everything to make things happen," Grogan said. "I took too much on myself. I don't have to do that now."

"I don't feel I have to win the game with one play anymore. With the running game and the kind of receivers we have now—receivers who can take a 10-yard pass and turn it into a 40-yard gain—my job becomes so much easier."

With that peace has come the kind of season Grogan always felt he could put together. After 10 games, he ranked third in the AFC in passing with a rating of 89.9. He had thrown for 2,175 yards, 15 touchdowns and a completion percentage of 57.2.

But these might be meaningless figures were it not for another number, the smallest one on his line. It is the number 9 and it sits comfortably in the interceptions column.

It is a number so small after 10 games as to go unnoticed, but it has not always been that way. In seven of his nine seasons, Grogan has thrown more interceptions than touchdowns. With those interceptions came Grogan's reputation for piling up massive numbers of yards and touchdowns, negated by the number under 'Interceptions Thrown.'

In his first six years as a pro, Grogan threw an interception for every 15.9 pass attempts. Before this season, he had rifled 121 touchdown passes, but also had thrown 144 interceptions.

Always, it seemed, the interceptions won out. With them came a reputation which dogs him even now.

"I really don't think the fans appreciate what I've done here," Grogan says. "They're never going to unless we win the Super Bowl."

"I haven't been the best quarterback in the league, but we've won, and that's what's important. Our team has won a lot of games, but we never lived up to expectations, and I think some fans blame me for that."

That was obvious after 10 games, with the Pats an unexpected two games out of first in the AFC East after an 0-2 start.

It was obvious on a radio talk show when caller after caller demanded the Pats play Tony Eason. That happened on the same night that Grogan had led the Patriots to a comeback win over the San Diego Chargers.

It is obvious in pregame warmups, when the boos are audible as his name is announced.

It is obvious in that few people realize he is having the kind of season that would put another quarterback in another town in the Pro Bowl. But Steve Grogan has learned not to care.

"I don't feel I have to make the big play, so I'm not throwing the ball if I don't have a good chance of completing it," he said. "You don't know how nice that is."

"I don't force the ball anymore. If the pass isn't there, I take the sack. I just have complete confidence in what I can do and what the coaches want me to do."

More often than not this season, Grogan has done it. Most of all, he has avoided the crucial, killing errors.

"Today when he makes a mistake he doesn't dwell on it," receiver Stanley Morgan said. "He's more in control. He doesn't take it all personally. He's wiser now and more mature."

But more than that, it seems he is comfortable simply doing what he can to help the cause.

Pats Patter: Twice this season the Patriots have held opponents for four downs on the one-yard line. . . . The Patriots have the highest average per rush in the league, nearly five yards. . . . In the last three meetings between the Patriots and Buffalo, New England ran up 82 points to the Bills' 26.

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Giants-Lions

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7
SCORE BY PERIODS

New York Giants	3	3	3	0-9
Detroit	7	5	0	3-15

SCORING

New York—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 27, 11:28 1st.
Detroit—Sims 2 run (Murray kick), 13:54 1st.
Detroit—Field goal Murray 35, 3:04 2nd.
Detroit—Safety, Fanning tackles Umphrey after fumble recovery in end zone, 7:45 2nd.
New York—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 56, 13:06 2nd.
New York—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 35, 10:58 3rd.
Detroit—Field goal Murray 33, 6:56 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New York	Detroit
First downs	21	15
Rushes-Yards	43-176	33-134
Passing yards	108	141
Sacked-Yards lost	2-10	2-9
Return yards	92	135
Passes	13-26-3	15-24-2
Punts	3-43.0	5-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	2-10	3-0
Penalties-Yards	8-88	10-76
Time of possession	31:01	28:59
Attendance	68,985	No-Shows—1,801

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—New York, Carpenter 16-64, Woolfolk 16-61, Morris 4-36, Tuggle 4-10, Brunner 3-5; Detroit, Sims 14-86, Hipple 5-28, Jones 11-15, Bussey 3-5.
Passing—New York, Brunner 13-26-3-117; Detroit, Hipple 15-24-2-152.
Receiving—New York, Gray 5-45, Carpenter 3-27, Miller 2-13, Mowatt 1-13, Woolfolk 1-10, Eddings 1-9; Detroit, Chadwick 4-54, Jones 4-34, Sims 3-17, Nichols 2-35, V. Thompson 1-7, Norris 1-5.
Kickoff Returns—New York, Tuggle 3-43, Bright 1-12; Detroit, Martin 2-72, Jenkins 3-53.
Punt Returns—New York, Bright 2-20; Detroit, Jenkins 2-6.
Interceptions—New York, Jackson 2-17; Detroit, Watkins 1-0, McNorton 2-4.
Punting—New York, Jennings 3-43.0; Detroit, Black 5-39.0.
Field Goals—New York, Haji-Sheikh 3-3; Detroit, Murray 2-2.
Sacks—New York, Van Pelt, Hardison; Detroit, Cofer, English.

Seahawks-Cardinals

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Seattle	7	14	0	7-28
St. Louis	7	21	0	5-33

SCORING

St. Louis—Green 15 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick), 7:19 1st.
Seattle—Dixon 94 kickoff return (N. Johnson kick), 7:36 1st.
St. Louis—Green 23 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick), 2:53 2nd.
St. Louis—Green 7 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick), 7:19 2nd.
Seattle—Largent 15 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick), 10:42 2nd.
St. Louis—Green 63 pass from Lomax (O'Donoghue kick), 11:54 2nd.
Seattle—Largent 14 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick), 14:52 2nd.
Seattle—Largent 45 pass from Krieg (N. Johnson kick), 1:51 4th.
St. Louis—Field goal O'Donoghue 33, 7:10 4th.

Standings

American Conference

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 13

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Miami	7	4	0	.636	225	181
Buffalo	7	4	0	.636	204	220
New England	6	5	0	.545	237	202
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	196	235
New York Jets	4	7	0	.364	225	226

CENTRAL DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Pittsburgh	9	2	0	.818	277	181
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	222	241
Cincinnati	4	7	0	.364	240	215
Houston	1	10	0	.091	193	318

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
L.A. Raiders	8	3	0	.727	292	244
Denver	6	5	0	.545	192	196
Seattle	6	5	0	.545	274	258
Kansas City	5	6	0	.455	222	203
San Diego	4	7	0	.364	248	301

National Conference

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 13

EASTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Dallas	9	2	0	.818	341	239
Washington	9	2	0	.818	372	235
St. Louis	4	6	1	.409	238	342
Philadelphia	4	7	0	.364	172	211
New York Giants	2	8	1	.227	192	262

CENTRAL DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
Minnesota	6	5	0	.545	248	271
Green Bay	6	5	0	.545	304	309
Detroit	5	6	0	.455	234	224
Chicago	4	7	0	.364	201	233
Tampa Bay	1	10	0	.091	158	259

WESTERN DIVISION

Club	W.	L.	T.	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
San Francisco	7	4	0	.636	305	204
L.A. Rams	7	4	0	.600	222	214
New Orleans	6	5	0	.545	230	240
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	206	206

St. Louis—Safety, Galloway tackled Krieg in end zone, 14:49 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Seattle	St. Louis
First downs	15	22
Rushes-Yards	22-84	39-177
Passing yards	165	231
Sacked-Yards lost	6-51	3-22
Return yards	210	113
Passes	13-26-1	21-27-0
Punts	7-39.3	5-43.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	8-69	4-50
Time of possession	25:04	34:56
Attendance	33,280	No-Shows—6,700

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Seattle, Warner 21-83, Hughes 1-1; St. Louis, Anderson 29-130, Lomax 3-31, Love 3-6, Morris 3-4, Green 1-6.
Passing—Seattle, Krieg 13-26-1-216; St. Louis, Lomax 21-27-0-253.
Receiving—Seattle, Largent 8-155, Johns 2-19, Doornink 1-34, Young 1-7, Warner 1-1; St. Louis, Anderson 7-47, Green 6-130, Tilley 4-41, LaFleur 2-9, Love 1-16, Marsh 1-10.
Kickoff Returns—Seattle, Dixon 5-173, Tice 1-9; St. Louis, Ferrell 3-63, Love 1-15, Duda 1-12.
Punt Returns—Seattle, Johns 4-28; St. Louis, Bird 2-2, Harrell 2-8.
Interceptions—St. Louis, Mack 1-13.
Punting—Seattle, West 7-39.3; St. Louis, Birdsong 5-43.0.
Field Goals—Seattle, none attempted; St. Louis, O'Donoghue 1-1.
Sacks—Seattle, Scholtz, Dufek, J. Bryant ½, Hicks ½; St. Louis, Galloway 3, Junior ½, A. Baker, Greer ½.

Cowboys-Chargers

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Dallas	0	6	3	14-23
San Diego	7	10	7	0-24

SCORING

San Diego—Nelson 21 run blocked punt return (Benirschke kick), 8:38 1st.
San Diego—Muncie 2 run (Benirschke kick), 10:59 2nd.
Dallas—Pearson 16 pass from D. White (kick failed), 14:11 2nd.
San Diego—Field goal Benirschke 37, 14:52 2nd.
San Diego—Holohan 18 pass from Luther (Benirschke kick), 3:29 3rd.
Dallas—Field goal Septon 37, 11:07 3rd.
Dallas—T. Hill 35 pass from D. White (Septon kick), 0:07 4th.
Dallas—DuPree 4 pass from D. White (Septon kick), 6:47 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Dallas	San Diego
First downs	25	21
Rushes-Yards	28-98	20-23
Passing yards	291	332
Sacked-Yards lost	1-9	1-8
Return yards	128	111
Passes	31-47-0	26-43-1
Punts	6-35.3	6-41.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	6-31	2-20
Time of possession	32:30	27:30
Attendance	46,192	No-Shows—3,761

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Dallas, Springs 10-40, Dorsett 17-58, D. White 1-0; San Diego, Muncie 18-30, Luther 2-minus 7.
Passing—Dallas, D. White 31-47-0-300; San Diego, Luther 26-43-1-340.
Receiving—Dallas, Pearson 5-60, T. Hill 7-99, Springs 8-45, Dorsett 4-20, Cosbie 5-52, Johnson 1-20, DuPree 1-4; San Diego, Chandler 5-47, Muncie 4-65, Winslow 5-50, Joiner 6-86, Jackson 1-8, Holohan 5-84.
Kickoff Returns—Dallas, Fellows 1-10, Allen 2-36, Newsome 1-28, Cosbie 1-10; San Diego, McPherson 2-34, Laird 2-46, Jackson 1-18.
Punt Returns—Dallas, Allen 3-32; San Diego, Chandler 1-1, Fortme 2-8, Brooks 1-4.
Interceptions—Dallas, R. Hill 1-12.
Punting—Dallas, D. White 5-42.5; San Diego, Buford 6-41.5.
Field Goals—Dallas, Septon 1-2 (missed: 37); San Diego, Benirschke 1-1.
Sacks—Dallas, Dickerson; San Diego, Lowe.

Lions-Oilers

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Detroit	0	10	7	0-17
Houston	3	7	14	3-27

SCORING

Houston—Field goal Kempf 47, 6:58 1st.
Detroit—Sims 1 run (Murray kick), 2:12 2nd.
Detroit—Field goal Murray 35, 11:12 2nd.
Houston—McCloskey 13 pass from Luck (Kempf kick), 14:10 2nd.
Detroit—Jones 3 pass from Danielson (Murray kick), 4:35 3rd.
Houston—Dressel 13 pass from Luck (Kempf kick), 5:48 3rd.
Houston—Moriarty 4 run (Kempf kick), 13:59 3rd.
Houston—Field goal Kempf 21, 1:52 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Detroit	Houston
First downs	24	20
Rushes-Yards	25-118	33-121
Passing yards	207	189
Sacked-Yards lost	3-24	0-0
Return yards	112	96
Passes	20-36-4	18-26-1
Punts	3-33.6	3-34.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-61	2-25
Time of possession	28:03	31:57
Attendance	40,660	No-Shows—9,226

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Detroit, Sims 20-105, Hipple 2-6, Jones

2-4, V. Thompson 1-3; Houston, Campbell 28-107, Luck 4-10, Moriarty 1-4.

Passing—Detroit, Hipple 17-29-3-213, Danielson 3-7-1-18; Houston, Luck 18-26-1-189.
Receiving—Detroit, Sims 9-90, L. Thompson 4-68, Jones 6-54, Nichols 1-19; Houston, Renfro 7-75, Dressel 3-23, Smith 2-28, Campbell 5-26, McCloskey 2-21, Arnold 1-16.

Kickoff Returns—Detroit, Jenkins 5-112; Houston, Roaches 2-31, S. Brown 1-29, Dressel 1-11.

Punt Returns—None.

Interceptions—Detroit, Barnes 1-0; Houston, Boslic 1-0, Kay 1-4, Tullis 2-21.

Punting—Detroit, Black 3-33.6; Houston, James 3-34.3.

Field Goals—Detroit, Murray 1-1; Houston, Kempf 2-2.

Sacks—Houston, Abraham, Foster, Taylor.

Redskins-Giants

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Washington	13	3	10	7-33
New York Giants	3	0	0	14-17

SCORING

Washington—Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick), 4:25 1st.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 47, 8:42 1st.
New York—Field goal Haji-Sheikh 45, 11:06 1st.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 33, 13:55 1st.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 38, 14:05 2nd.
Washington—Field goal Moseley 32, 5:22 3rd.
Washington—Brown 18 pass from Theismann (Moseley kick), 10:44 3rd.
Washington—Riggins 2 run (Moseley kick), 3:52 4th.
New York—Gray 6 pass from Brunner (Haji-Sheikh kick), 7:31 4th.
New York—Gray 22 pass from Brunner (Haji-Sheikh kick), 12:56 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Washington	New York
First downs	18	16
Rushes-Yards	43-140	14-25
Passing yards	138	281
Sacked-Yards lost	4-19	2-13
Return yards	86	118
Passes	18-28-0	20-38-1
Punts	6-40.5	5-37.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	6-46	4-35
Time of possession	36:59	23:01
Attendance	71,482	No-Shows—5,391

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Washington, Riggins 23-61, J. Washington 16-75, Theismann 3-8, Garrett 1-minus 4; New York, Tuggle 2-1, Woolfolk 11-26, Brunner 1-minus 2.
Passing—Washington, Theismann 18-28-0-157; New York, Brunner 20-37-1-294, Jennings 0-1-0-0.
Receiving—Washington, Warren 2-17, Giaquinto 1-17, J. Washington 8-57, Monk 1-5, Walker 1-1, Brown 4-48, Garrett 1-12; New York, Mowatt 2-9, Woolfolk 4-44, Miller 1-27, Gray 8-145, Scott 3-47, Eddings 1-14, Mistle 1-8.
Kickoff Returns—Washington, Nelms 1-24, Seay 1-50; New York, Heater 4-50, Miller 2-31, Morris 2-32.
Punt Returns—Washington, Nelms 3-minus 1, Giaquinto 1-12; New York, Bright 2-5, Shaw 1-0.
Interceptions—Washington, Manley 1-1.
Punting—Washington, Hayes 6-40.5; New York, Jennings 5-37.2.
Field Goals—Washington, Moseley 4-4; New York, Haji-Sheikh 1-1.
Sacks—Washington, Manley, McGee ½, Brooks ½; New York, Martin 2, Kelley, Taylor.

Bengals-Chiefs

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Cincinnati	3	3	3	6-15
Kansas City	3	10	7	0-20

SCORING

Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 36, 5:56 1st.
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 23, 14:06 1st.
Kansas City—Kenney 1 run (Lowery kick), 2:34 2nd.
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 31, 9:16 2nd.
Kansas City—Field goal Lowery 43, 13:54 2nd.
Cincinnati—Field goal Breech 23, 4:46 3rd.
Kansas City—Scott 21 pass from Kenney (Lowery kick), 10:11 3rd.
Cincinnati—Collinsworth 5 pass from Anderson (kick failed), 11:06 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Cincinnati	Kansas City
First downs	19	16
Rushes-Yards	26-107	24-58
Passing yards	170	234
Sacked-Yards lost	7-49	3-10
Return yards	145	92
Passes	19-32-2	23-34-0
Punts	3-38.0	6-39.2
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	3-30	6-61
Time of possession	29:33	30:27
Attendance	44,711	No-Shows—2,766

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Cincinnati, Johnson 17-53, Alexander 6-12, Anderson 2-13, Verser 1-29, Kansas City—B. Jackson 12-40, Brown 10-14, Kenney 2-4.
Passing—Cincinnati, Anderson 19-32-2-219, Kansas City—Kenney 23-34-0-244.
Receiving—Cincinnati, Collinsworth 7-118, Curtis 5-57, Alexander 3-17, Verser 2-12, Kreider 1-9, Johnson 1-6, Kansas City—Brown 4-73, J.T. Smith 4-44, Carson 4-35, B. Jackson 3-27, J. Thomas 2-8, K. Thomas 2-2, Paige 1-16, Beckman 1-11, Scott 2-28.
Kickoff Returns—Cincinnati, Simmons 3-72, Verser 2-39; Kansas City, Brown 2-34, Hancock 1-17, Carson 1-12.
Punt Returns—Cincinnati, Simmons 4-34; Kansas City, J. T. Smith 2-8.
Interceptions—Kansas City, Burruss 1-14, Green 1-7.
Punting—Cincinnati, McNally 3-38.0; Kansas City, Arnold 6-39.2.
Field Goals—Cincinnati, Breech 3-3; Kansas City, Lowery 2-2.



The Packers and Mike Douglass put the clamps on Minnesota's Steve Dils.

Sacks—Cincinnati, Browner, Burley, Dinkel ½, Edwards ½; Kansas City, Bell 3, Lindstrom, Daniels, Cherry ½, Burruss ½.

Buccaneers-Browns

NOVEMBER 13
SCORE BY PERIODS

Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0-0
Cleveland	10	0	3	7-20

SCORING

Cleveland—Field goal Bahr 27, 6:07 1st.
Cleveland—Pruitt 1 run (Bahr kick), 13:37 1st.
Cleveland—Field goal Bahr 42, 9:05 3rd.
Cleveland—Pruitt 1 run (Bahr kick), 12:11 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Tampa Bay	Cleveland
First downs	11	18
Rushes-Yards	21-66	39-101
Passing yards	166	174
Sacked-Yards lost	2-16	0-0
Return yards	58	47
Passes	17-31-0	14-26-

AFC West

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year stretch on the Raiders' sidelines to lead the team to a Super Bowl win in 1980.

Plunkett admitted he was "disappointed" to be benched. "We were, after all, 5-2, not 2-5, but I could understand how they felt," he said. "There were too many turnovers."

Wilson arrived with a flourish, directing a victory over Dallas in a nationally televised game two days after signing a contract incorrectly estimated by most as \$4 million for five years. Sources later said that, while Wilson's salary is around \$600,000 this year, it escalates to more than \$1 million per year and he could "easily be the highest paid" National Football League quarterback during the life of the contract.

But Wilson's tenure ended on a rainy afternoon in Kansas City, when his last pass of the first half was intercepted by Durwood Roquemore. Wilson was forced to stop the Chiefs' defensive back. He did, pushing Roquemore out of bounds along the sideline. When Wilson landed, however, his left (non-throwing) arm was injured.

"It hurt, but I just thought it was a bruise," said Wilson, who was examined by doctors at halftime. He returned for three more series in the third quarter, then took himself out when the pain made it impossible to hand the ball off with his left arm.

Afterward, X-rays showed the break. Wilson was visibly shaken when he heard the news.

"This is something I've never had to deal with," he said. "I've never had to come out of a game with an injury, not college, high school or Pop Warner."

In surgery a day later, two screws were implanted to hold the bone in place, hopefully speeding the recovery process.

Plunkett made the most of his return to the lineup at Kansas City, leading a second-half comeback by completing five of nine passes for 114 yards and a touchdown. But he greeted his return to the front in typical Plunkett fashion.

"I was on the bench two weeks, and if Marc hadn't broken his arm, I'd be back there this week," said Plunkett.

To replace Wilson on the roster, the Raiders signed veteran David Humm, who was in camp with them at Santa Rosa and had been a Raider reserve from 1975-80.

Pride and Poise Noise: In another roster move, the Raiders placed nose tackle Archie Reese on the reserve/non-football illness list after the victory over the Chiefs and signed former Dallas and Tampa Bay lineman Dave Stalls. . . . Reese had been splitting playing time with Reggie Kinlaw before missing two practices before the game with the Chiefs. . . . Stalls played with Tampa Bay the first seven games of the season and is under contract to the United States Football League's Denver Gold, effective February 1. . . . Second-year linebacker Jack Squirek made his first start (in place of injured Matt Milen) and responded with seven tackles and one quarterback sack. "He's going to be a tough guy in this league, and it's going to be difficult to keep him out of the lineup," said Flores. . . . With Cliff Branch on the sidelines for most of five weeks, rookie wide receiver Dokie Williams has seen considerable action. Calvin Muhammad is the starter in Branch's spot, but Williams has become a major part of the offense. In limited playing time, he had 13 catches for 251 yards and three touchdowns. Muhammad has the same number of catches for one more yard and two scores.

BOB COX



Lowery Can't Kick Habit Against L.A.

KANSAS CITY—It was a Monday at Arrowhead Stadium, and most of the Kansas City Chiefs already had seen films of the previous day's 28-20 loss to the Los Angeles Raiders, worked out and gone home.

Out of a tunnel and onto the playing field walked Nick Lowery. He strode swiftly to the east end of the field, straight to the left hash mark at the 33-yard line. He stepped backward three steps, then took three little side steps and went into his kicking motion, following through on the imaginary ball. Lowery watched that imaginary ball sail toward the uprights and then grabbed his head with his hands in dismay.

The day before, Lowery had missed a 43-yard field-goal attempt in the final two minutes that might have given the Chiefs a win over the Raiders. That came four weeks after his 48-yard field-goal attempt in the closing seconds in Los Angeles had been blocked by Ted Hendricks, giving the Raiders a 21-20 win. Had those two field goals been successful, the Chiefs would be 6-4 and atop the AFC West, where the Raiders reside.

Hendricks' block had devastated Lowery. It was the first kick of his career that had been blocked. No one touched the second kick. Lowery made sure of that, moving it nine yards behind the line of scrimmage, instead of his customary seven and a half. That may have been a clue to the effect Hendricks' block had on the cerebral Dartmouth graduate.

"I don't deal in those terms," Lowery said, quickly brushing off the idea.

While he's having another steady season, missing two would-be game-winning field goals is disconcerting. "This is the tough part of kicking," Lowery said. "The mental aspect affects you."

Lowery had not had "mental" problems concerning kicking since he unseated veteran Jan Stenerud in 1980. From 1980-82, no kicker in the National Football League was more accurate,

more consistent or more productive than Lowery. He has never missed a field-goal try inside the 30-yard line and has missed just one extra-point attempt in his career.

In the Chiefs' annual rebuilding process, Lowery always has been a bright spot.

But his two misses against the Raiders have been difficult. "Good kickers overcome things like this," Lowery said. "I think I'm a good kicker. I consider myself one. I just have to get better."

One person who isn't worried is rookie head Coach John Mackovic. "Nick has a very good sense of where he fits in with the team, and he works very hard at his job," Mackovic said. "I'm not worried about Nick Lowery."

Chiefs Chatter: Through 10 games, quarterback Bill Kenney already had broken the club's single-season records for passes attempted and completed, completing 215 of 383 attempts and breaking records held by Cotton Davidson and Len Dawson. His pace would allow him to break Dan Fouts' NFL records for attempts and completions in a season. . . . Mackovic seldom, if ever, is upset by officiating. The reason? When he was serving in the Army in 1967 at Fort Knox, Ky., Mackovic worked as a high school official, making \$15 a game. "I got a great appreciation for the job," Mackovic said.

BOB GRETZ



Largent Has Enjoyed A Milestone Season

SEATTLE—In the second quarter of the Seattle Seahawks' victory over the Raiders in Los Angeles, Steve Largent caught a 14-yard pass from Dave Krieg.

The catch moved the three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver past the 7,000-yard mark, another milestone in a remarkable and often spectacular career—one that almost ended before it got under way.

Largent, cast aside by the Houston Oilers in training camp in 1976, was traded at the last minute to the Seahawks, then an expansion franchise, for an eighth-round draft choice. Now, in his eighth Seattle season, the Seahawks' first Pro Bowler has caught more passes than any other player in pro football during that time frame.

Already this year he's passed a couple of other milestones, his 400th career catch and his 50th touchdown reception. Through 10 games, his consecutive game reception streak of 85 was the longest in the National Football League.

Largent, the player Bum Phillips later called his biggest mistake when he was the Houston coach, played superbly when the Seahawks struggled. And he's performed even better as Chuck Knox has turned Seattle into a playoff contender in his first season.

In the first seven games of '83, Largent packed a heavy load of pressure. With Paul Johns, Seattle's best deep threat at wide receiver, sidelined with a knee injury, rival defenders ganged up on Largent. It didn't seem to hurt his effectiveness, and at one point, he put together back-to-back textbook performances. Against the Chargers he caught eight passes for 116 yards and two TDs. The next week against Washington, he burned the Redskins for eight catches for 130 yards and two scores.

With Johns returning to action, Largent and the Seattle passing attack are even more effective. Like Largent, Johns is a Tulsa product, another discovery by Jerry Rhone, the former Seattle offensive coordinator now with the Redskins, and one of Largent's biggest boosters. "Steve has to be one of the best, if not the best at what he does," said Johns. "He's a great teacher, and he's willing to help the younger receivers. There's so much you can learn from him. Anyone who can't learn from Steve Largent is blind or has an ego problem."

Knox will talk at length about the talents of his receiving standout: his concentration, body control and intelligence. "If he has a weakness," said Knox, "I haven't seen it."

The rap on Largent was supposed to be his lack of blazing speed. He's not a world-class sprinter.

Largent takes the most pride in his precision at running pass routes. "What I'm talking about is being consistent," he said. "I think that's the most important thing for a quarterback and a receiver, to have the rapport where he knows how you're going to run your routes, how deep it's going to be, what the timing is going to be and that you do the same thing in practice as you do in a game."

Largent has one more year on his Seattle contract, and then he'll take a serious look at his future. "There's a point where I have to weigh the physical abuse of this job and how that's going to affect me later in life," he said. One thing that's been missing in Largent's career has been team success, and he's confident Knox will take the Seahawks to the playoffs, whether it's this year or soon down the line. He wants to be part of that, and he admits it could affect retirement plans.

"When you're winning, things don't hurt quite as bad as they do otherwise," he said. "It's one of the great pain relievers."

Seahawk Talk: Curt Warner's career-high 134 yards rushing against Denver set a single-season Seahawk mark of 889 yards, topping the 805 by Sherman Smith in 1978. . . . Starting linebacker Michael Jackson, feared lost for the season with a knee injury, has recovered faster than expected and could be ready to resume play in a couple of weeks. . . . After not being sacked by Denver, Krieg took his offensive line out to dinner, a tradition that rarely has been observed in Seattle.

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Steelers 24, Colts 13

Let's Get Physical: The Steelers pounded out 214 rushing yards and, on a 75-yard, 11-play drive that opened the game, they completed no passes.

"It was probably the most physical game we've had all year," said Steelers Coach Chuck Noll. "We have great respect for the Colts. For that reason, I was proud of the way our people reached down deep and got it going. We had some problems protecting the passer all through the game. Cliff (Stoudt) was again running for his life."

Said Stoudt, "Baltimore doesn't do anything fancy. They are just going to try and outthit you. Luckily, that's the kind of football we play. We were able to match them blow for blow."

The Quotes: Noll on Frank Pollard, who rushed for 80 yards for the Steelers: "He's been successful every time we put him in. Frank's one of those special kind of runners. His style of running is the kind you

need: aggressive."

Noll on any adjustment the Steelers made when Baltimore switched to quarterback Mark Herrmann in the second half: "We were surprised. We said, 'Oh, there's Mark Herrmann,' and that's all the adjustment we made."

Colts quarterback Mike Pagel on being replaced: "I'd be bothered if I was benched now."

Herrmann on the situation: "You hate to look over your shoulder and see if the other guy is warming up."

Tim Sherwin on the Colts' hopes: "We've bounced back before. We can do it again."

Notable: Pittsburgh receiver John Stallworth did not play after suffering a sprained ankle in practice three days before the game. . . . Colts receiver Matt Bouza did not return after suffering a shoulder injury. . . . Stoudt has rushed for 347 yards, breaking Terry Bradshaw's team rushing record for quarterbacks.

Bills 24, Jets 17

The Game-Winner: Joe Cribbs caught a 33-yard pass from Joe Ferguson with 22 seconds to go for the win. The Bills attempted the play with no timeouts left, and Cribbs beat linebacker Lance Mehl. The Jets were unable to use a sixth defensive back because of a hip pointer suffered by Kirk Springs.

Said Cribbs, "The safety (Ken Schroy) fell off and left me one-on-one with a linebacker, and I just outran him. Me and Fergy talked about it prior to the play. We ran it a couple of times earlier, and I was open. But he didn't have time to throw it."

"I thought I had him pretty well covered," Mehl said. "It was just a good throw."

The Quotes: Ferguson rebounded from a bad first half in which he suffered an elbow injury and threw an interception that resulted in a 14-0 halftime lead for the Jets. Talking about his second-half play, Coach Kay Stephenson said of Ferguson: "He is a great quarterback in the National Football League."

That's a good example of why you don't take out a Joe Ferguson."

Buffalo nose tackle Fred Smerlas made an inspiring halftime speech to the team. "It should have been 0-0," Smerlas said. "A lot of guys were getting down, and I just tried to explain it to them. I think they know I tried to be a catalyst and fire them up. I told them, 'Let's play like we can play.' Then we went out there and started doing it, and I think it caught on."

Jets quarterback Richard Todd: "It's like we didn't want to win. It doesn't look like anybody's fired up."

Notable: Ferguson (24,899 yards) passed Bart Starr on the all-time passing list and is 193 behind 19th-place Bob Griese. . . . Bruce Harper's 11,300 all-purpose yards are 75 behind 14th-place Hugh McElhenny. . . . Jets running back Freeman McNeil was activated from injured reserve but did not play. . . . Banner at Shea Stadium: "Walt (Michaels) has the answers."

Raiders 22, Broncos 20

The Drive: Trailing 20-19, the Raiders moved into position for the game-winning field goal by virtue of passes to tight end Todd Christensen. Starting from the 30 with 51 seconds remaining, Jim Plunkett hit Christensen for four completions to move the ball to the Denver 22. Chris Bahr followed with the game-winning field goal with four seconds left.

Bahr's success atoned for earlier kicking game mistakes. Holder David Humm, signed earlier in the week, let an extra-point snap go through his hands, and Bahr hit the upright on a 28-yard field-goal attempt.

During the winning drive, Denver was playing without both of its starting safeties. Dennis Smith left with a strained right knee while Steve Foley was suffering from leg cramps. Said Broncos linebacker Tom Jackson, "Christensen showed his class. He came up with the big catches when they needed it. He not only made the catches, but he got the key yardage to put them into position to win."

The Quote: Denver quarterback John Elway on his return as a starter: "I was up and down. I started hot, then went into a deep lull and then really came back. I have to play more consistently."

Notable: The two Denver touchdowns were the result of two Jackson sacks of Plunkett with Plunkett losing the ball both times. . . . Elway's four-yard run gave Denver the lead, and he had set up the score with a 23-yard scamper. . . . The Broncos gained just 68 yards in the first half, and 40 came on one pass play. . . . Greg Pruitt (12,425) passed Leroy Kelly and Don Maynard on the career all-purpose yardage list. He's 26 yards behind eighth-place Lenny Moore. . . . Rick Upchurch became the 24th player to reach 10,000 all-purpose yards in a career. He now has 10,047. . . . Cliff Branch (452) passed Haven Moses and Roy Jefferson to move into the top 20 all-time receiving list. Branch is now tied with 19th-place Pete Retzlaff.



Dallas and Ron Springs came up a little short.

Chargers 24, Cowboys 23

The Big Miss: When Dallas pulled to 14-6 with 49 seconds left in the first half, placekicker Rafael Septien missed badly on the extra point.

Said Septien of the sloppy field conditions, "My cleats got caught on the ground. I really don't even know what happened. I was so shocked I missed the ball. It was a freak thing. It was the first time I was wearing long cleats, and they got caught."

The Comeback: An 18-yard scoring pass from Ed Luther to Pete Holohan 3:29 into the third quarter gave the Chargers a 24-6 lead, but the Cowboys roared back. A Septien field goal and fourth-quarter touchdown passes from Danny White to Tony Hill and Billy Joe DuPree brought Dallas within one point. But San Diego stopped the Cowboys twice late in the final quarter.

Dallas was handicapped on its final drive

when punt returner Gary Allen was called for blocking a San Diego player after calling for a fair catch. A Maury Buford punt had gone into the end zone, but Allen's penalty gave Dallas the ball on its 3 instead of the 20.

Notable and Quotable: Asked to explain San Diego's up-and-down season, tight end Kellen Winslow said, "You have to go to the mountaintop and ask Allah or somebody. Wake up Confucius and ask him because I haven't any idea. We were embarrassed in Pittsburgh last week, and no one likes to be embarrassed." . . . San Diego running back James Brooks did not return after suffering an ankle injury. . . . Chargers receiver Charlie Joiner (573) moved out of a seventh-place tie with Lionel Taylor on the all-time receiving list. Joiner is two behind Philadelphia's Harold Carmichael and three behind Seattle's Harold Jackson. Dallas' Drew Pearson (486) is two catches behind 14th-place Don Hutson.

Chiefs 20, Bengals 15

The Blitz: Kansas City's blitzing defense stopped the Bengals, especially in the second half, when Cincinnati was limited to 89 total yards and 56 yards passing.

Recalling the October 30 game against the Broncos in which the Chiefs got burned by using blitzes, defensive coordinator Bud Carson said, "I wish we had that one over. By next year, we will be a good blitzing team. We are turning into a pretty good one this year. Today, we went to a couple of coverages we had not used before and a couple of blitzes I know they haven't seen."

Said Bengals Coach Forrest Gregg, "We did expect them to blitz. That's the shame of it. When you expect it and prepare for it and then don't execute it, that's terrible."

The Chiefs registered back-to-back sacks on two successive Cincinnati possessions, first in the third quarter and then in the final quarter. Both times the Bengals were in Kansas City territory. Said safety Deron Cherry, "Getting an interception is great, but getting a sack has to be the greatest feeling in the world. Those offensive linemen lick their chops when they see defensive backs trying to rush."

The Quote: Chiefs defensive end Mike Bell played what observers said was his best game as a pro. Playing against Bengals tackle Anthony Munoz, Bell had three sacks. Said Bell, "You know, Munoz definitely is the best all-around player I've faced. I set him up with a few stunts."

Notable: Cincinnati tight end Dan Ross caught no passes and dropped several. He was taken out of the game at one point and given a tongue-lashing by Gregg. . . . Trent Bryant started for Kansas City at right cornerback in place of Lucious Smith, who had stomach cramps. . . . Chiefs defensive end Art Still (sprained ankle) and running back Ken Thomas (concussion) left in the second quarter and did not return. Receiver Henry Marshall (broken nose) did not dress.

Patriots 17, Dolphins 6

The Big Play: Late in the fourth quarter, after a Robert Weathers fumble, Miami was deep in New England territory trailing, 17-6. Dan Marino hit Mark Clayton near the goal line on a play that appeared to be a touchdown. Clayton ran a comeback route and was pushed back into the field of play. The ball was marked at the one-yard line, and the Pats then stopped Woody Bennett on fourth down.

Said Pats cornerback Ronnie Lippett, who was defending on the play, "The referee said the ball never broke the plane (of the goal line). His feet were in, but the ball wasn't."

"His feet were in, but I didn't think the ball was in," said Miami Coach Don Shula.

The Key: New England controlled the ball on the ground and limited Miami to minus-seven yards in the third quarter. On the Patriots' first drive, they moved the ball 64 yards in 14 plays for a TD, using 5:52.

Said guard Ron Wooten, "We're pretty

physical, and they're not. The first drive of the day set the tempo. They knew what they were in for for the rest of the day. We overpowered them."

The Pats forced Marino into his worst day of the season. Said he, "I had time. It was just a matter of making the right throws and the right reads. I didn't do it. I felt comfortable, but sometimes I didn't make the throws work."

"We tried to disguise our coverage to confuse him," New England linebacker Johnny Rembert said. "He'd had too many good games. It was about time he had a bad one. I didn't sense he was confused. I sensed we played well."

Notable: Pats defensive back Rick Sanford suffered a concussion and did not return while Miami safety Lyle Blackwood did not return after suffering a knee injury. . . . Mark van Eeghen (6,570) is eight yards behind 13th-place Lawrence McCutcheon on the all-time rushing list.

Browns 20, Buccaneers 0

The No-Show: Bucs Coach John McKay has been setting records for his abbreviated postgame press conferences this season.

But McKay was a no-show after his team's dismal performance in Cleveland. McKay did issue a statement through the Bucs' publicity department that said, "Several players were hurt, we didn't play well and we deserved to get beat by a big score. There is nothing more to say."

The Quotes: Responding to stories in Cleveland papers criticizing his coaching, Browns Coach Sam Rutigliano said after the game, "You're not going to give us credit for winning anyway, so we're going to take credit for it."

Rutigliano on quarterback Brian Sipe, who was making his first start since an elbow injury sidelined him for two games: "I don't know where he's at on a scale of 1-10. But he did what he needed to do to win this game."

Sipe threw no interceptions and was not sacked.

Said Sipe, "My arm feels great, as good as it's felt all year. There's absolutely no question about my health."

Notable: In the second quarter, Tampa Bay took 15 plays and 9:23 to drive from its 46 to the Cleveland 5, but Bill Capece missed a 22-yard field-goal try. Two plays before the field-goal attempt, tight end Jerry Bell dropped a would-be touchdown pass in the end zone. At one point on that drive, James Wilder carried the ball on six straight plays. . . . On Tampa Bay's next possession, quarterback Jack Thompson hit Kevin House on a 43-yard pass, and four plays later Capece missed a 31-yard field-goal try. . . . Wilder left the game in the fourth quarter with two broken ribs after being hit by Browns linebacker Eddie Johnson. Wilder called the hit a "cheap shot." . . . Tampa Bay's Lee Roy Selmon left in the third quarter after suffering a pulled hamstring.



The Cardinals' Roy Green scored four touchdowns.

Cardinals 33, Seahawks 28

The Hero: Cards receiver Roy Green caught four scoring passes, all in the first half, and also ran six yards on a fake punt that prolonged a drive in the fourth quarter. Said he, "I couldn't believe it (the four TDs). It was like being back on the playgrounds in Magnolia (Ark.)."

The most spectacular score was a 63-yarder, which gave St. Louis a 28-14 lead. Green was double covered. But Seattle's defenders overran the play, and Green cut back to snare Neil Lomax's underthrown pass. Said Lomax, "That was all Roy."

The run for a first down came with about four minutes left and the Cardinals leading, 31-28. On fourth-and-one from his 42, Green took the snap from punt formation and made the first down. Said Seahawks Coach Chuck Knox, "Everybody on the sidelines and everybody in the stands knew it was coming. We just got blocked. It was irritating."

The Mixup: Before Neil O'Donoghue's

winning field goal, St. Louis had a second-and-nine from the Seattle 11-yard line. However, tight ends Doug Marsh and Greg LaFleur went in motion on the play, and the Cardinals were penalized five yards. St. Louis called the same play, and again both tight ends went in motion. This time, Lomax saw it before the snap and alertly called timeout, averting another penalty.

"They got confused about which guy was the move guy," Coach Jim Hanifan said. "Then we called the same play, and they got mixed up again." The Cardinals then went to the shotgun, and both tight ends were removed from the game.

Notable and Quotable: Seahawks linebacker Keith Butler on St. Louis running back Ottis Anderson, who ran for 130 yards: "That O.J. is a lot bigger than they say he is. He came to play today." ... Press-box observers said Green, who was in motion on his 63-yard TD, moved forward a split second before the snap.

Oilers 27, Lions 17

The First Time: Houston's win was its first since September 19, 1982, snapping a 17-game losing streak, one short of the club record set during 1972 and '73.

Said Coach Chuck Studley, "Welcome back to the NFL. It's only one win. It still isn't redemption. After suffering through the embarrassment of the loss (55-14) to Cincinnati, we literally rose from the dead. Humiliation is something you don't recover from quickly, which is one thing that makes this win that much sweeter."

Said center David Carter, "It feels like we just won the Super Bowl. It feels like I got a gorilla off my back."

It Was All Luck: Oliver Luck made his first start at quarterback for the Oilers and guided the offense to a performance which produced no sacks, one penalty and no turnovers. Said Lions defensive tackle Doug English, "When you knock a guy down as he's throwing the ball, you figure the pass will be incomplete. But we knocked Luck down time after time, and then I'd hear the crowd was roaring because the pass was complete."

After falling behind 10-3 with 3:48 left in the first half, the Oilers scored on four consecutive possessions with Luck completing 10 straight passes during that time. Luck was 5-for-5 for 55 yards on a 56-yard drive that tied the score by halftime. The crowd responded with a standing ovation.

Notable: Detroit quarterback Eric Hipple left with a pinched nerve during the Lions' opening drive of the second half. He returned with 12:59 left in the game but was not productive. ... All of Houston's points were scored by first- or second-year players. ... A 42-yard run by Earl Campbell on the Oilers' first play of the second half was his longest since September 1981. ... Houston's fight song contains references to the Super Bowl so the song was played as an instrumental during the game. When the Oilers won, the words were used.

Packers 29, Vikings 21

The Big Play: After coming back from a 19-0 halftime deficit to trail, 22-21, the Vikings had a third-and-two situation at their 36. Minnesota was then assessed a 15-yard penalty for having too many players in the huddle.

Said Vikings Coach Bud Grant, "The rule was put in so you could not confuse the defense. We were not trying to do that."

"It's frustrating to get close and then lose it when you get called for a penalty out of the back pages of the rule book," quarterback Steve Dils said.

The Quotes: Green Bay Coach Bart Starr on the clinching, 19-yard touchdown pass to James Lofton with 2:12 left: "The third-down play to Lofton that scored our last touchdown maybe was as big a play as we'll have in a long time."

Packers defensive end Byron Braggs on the team's six sacks of Dils, four in the first half: "The last time we let Dils sit in the pocket, and he picked us apart. Our whole idea today was to put pressure on him."

In the first half, the Vikings fumbled seven times, losing two; Dils was intercepted once and was sacked for a safety. Said Grant, "We were lucky to only be 19 points behind at the half. It could have been dreadful."

Notable: In their last game against Minnesota, the Packers rushed for just 87 yards. In this game, they ran for 163 and got another good game from rookie fullback Jessie Clark, who rushed for 50 yards on 12 carries the week before against Cleveland and managed 79 yards on 10 carries against the Vikings. ... Minnesota defensive back John Turner suffered a calf injury and did not return. ... Ted Brown did not play for the Vikings because of a separated shoulder, but Darrin Nelson filled in with the best game of his career. Nelson combined for 278 rushing, receiving and return yards. He averaged 11.6 yards per attempt. ... Jan Stenerud's two field goals gave him 329 for his career, six behind record holder George Blanda.

Tops of the Week

The Quote: After the Oilers' first win of the season, Coach Chuck Studley talked about the controversy that swirled during the week concerning running back Earl Campbell. Said he, "If that's the way we're going to play after a week like last week, then God bless Earl. We may have to come up with something like that every week."

A Real Kick: The accuracy of National Football League field-goal kickers is one reason for the increase in scoring this year. Kickers are on a record-setting pace.

The current field-goal percentage record for the league in one season is the 65.9 mark established in 1981. On November 13, the league's kickers connected on 36 of 49 field-goal tries (73.5 percent). Through that date this season, NFL kickers were successful on 379 of 528 attempts, a percentage of 71.8.

Notable: For at least one more week, Dallas quarterback Danny White remained

49ers 27, Saints 0

The Defense: The 49ers held New Orleans to 129 total yards and sacked quarterback David Wilson nine times, six by Fred Dean and 2½ by Dwain Board. Dean was motivated by a pregame speech made by assistant coach Tommy Hart, who usually says very little.

Said Dean, "When a guy like that gets up and talks, you listen. He's a (former) player; he knows what it's about. You've got to respect him."

Talking about the Saints, Board said, "We noticed when we played them last time that he (Wilson) drops back further than (Ken) Stabler. And when he throws, he doesn't always step up. We probably wouldn't have been able to sack Snake that many times. He has a way of getting away from you even though he isn't that fast."

The Quotes: Saints Coach Bum Phillips on sticking with Wilson all game: "First of all, Kenny is hurt, and second of all, it's not my policy to change horses in the middle of a stream even if the water is rising above your butt."

Phillips on the playoff race: "We're 6-5 now, and we have enough games to get into the playoffs. But if we don't make the playoffs, we have to be proud of what we've done this year."

Notable and Quotable: The 49ers opened the game with a 10-play, 59-yard drive, using 6:26, that resulted in a touchdown. ... 49ers quarterback Joe Montana on the defense: "When the defense is playing so well, it allows the offense to open it up. We took more chances. You know if you make a mistake, you're going to get the ball back right away." ... 49ers fullback Roger Craig left with a rib injury and did not return. ... The Saints didn't register their initial first down until late in the first half. ... A torrential rain began in the first quarter. It was probably the threat of bad weather that kept more than 21,000 fans with tickets at home.

Bears 17, Eagles 14

The Controversies: The Eagles won an early season game against the Giants by getting some officiating breaks, but this time they went against Philadelphia on a crucial series late in the first half.

With the score tied, 7-7, Dennis Harrison and Wes Hopkins had Bears quarterback Jim McMahon in their grasp, and the ball popped loose at the Philadelphia 26. It was ruled an incomplete pass. Said McMahon, "We finally got a hometown call. I thought I was going to get called for grounding."

On third-and-10, the Eagles stopped Walter Payton, but a celebrating Eagle spiked the ball. The official called a delay of game penalty but fingered the wrong man, Harrison. When Harrison complained, he was hit with an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty. From the 2-yard line, Emery Moorehead caught a McMahon pass for a touchdown with 10 seconds left in the half. Said Harrison, "I hol-lered at him. I shouldn't have."

the NFL's all-time leading passer. The league requires 1,500 attempts to qualify, and San Francisco's Joe Montana was 11 short of that level. Entering the season, Roger Staubach led with a quarterback rating of 83.5. White's rating is now 84.8 while Montana is at 89.8. The Pro Football Hall of Fame includes statistics from the All-America Football Conference, and that makes Otto Graham the leader at 86.8. ... St. Louis' attendance of 33,280 on November 13 was the franchise's lowest since 1965. Cleveland's crowd of 56,091 was the lowest since 1978, not counting the post-strike games from last season.

There were just two touchdowns scored by defensive units November 13 (Denver's Barney Chavous and the Jets' Johnny Lynn), both in losing efforts. ... Home teams won nine of 13 games, giving road teams a 78-74 lead with one tie. ... With a 3-1 edge November 13, the AFC extended its lead to 19-15 for the season. ... Cincinnati's Ken Anderson (29,491 yards) passed ninth-place Roman Gabriel on the all-time passing list.

Redskins 33, Giants 17

A Bad Start: On the Giants' first offensive play, Washington defensive end Dexter Manley intercepted a deflected pass, and the Redskins took over in Giants' territory. Before long, John Riggins scored for a 7-0 lead.

Said Giants quarterback Scott Brunner, "It was a tough way to start the game. They took it in and went ahead 7-0. But certainly it wasn't over at that point."

The Quotes: The Redskins committed no turnovers and the Giants four, a fact Redskins running back Joe Washington attributed to the Redskins' success. "It (turnovers) helped a great deal," Washington said. "You can't play the Giants unless you get your chin straps on. I know it would be hard to go 80 yards against the New York Giants. I don't think you can name a team that would like to do that. It helped to get the ball in their end of the field right off the bat."

Giants linebacker Brad Van Pelt on the team's recent performances: "It's up to us if we want to win or continue to look like a minor-league football team. Today was probably our poorest performance in my 11 years."

"I think we gave the game away," said Giants Coach Bill Parcells. "Our special teams play was awful. I think that was probably the main contributing factor. We didn't get anything going offensively—forever."

Notable: New York punt returner Leon Bright was belted on a return, fumbled and was hospitalized with a separated shoulder and concussion. Safety Terry Kinard (thigh bruise) left and did not return. ... Redskins receiver Art Monk (ankle), guard Russ Grimm (back) and kick returner Mike Nelms (knee) left and did not return. ... Riggins is 39 yards short of 9,000 yards rushing and 17 yards short of 11,000 all-purpose yards. ... Earnest Gray was the lone bright spot for the Giants, catching eight passes for 145 yards. His two touchdowns after Washington led, 33-3, made the score appear respectable.

Drive, He Said: The Eagles opened the second half with a drive that lasted 8:33 and tied the score. The Bears then took the ball and used up almost nine minutes before Bob Thomas kicked the winning field goal.

Said Bears Coach Mike Ditka of the winning drive, "We could have fallen flat on our heads, and we didn't. The thing that amazes me is they had the ball for eight something and we came right back and had the ball for eight something. That was good football. It's not pretty, but a lot of times we've been pretty this year and we haven't done anything."

Notable and Quotable: The Eagles recovered a fumble late in the game at Chicago's 39, but on third-and-four, linebacker Mike Singletary dropped Major Everett for a five-yard loss on a screen pass. Said Singletary, "Good defenses took them there. We did what we had to do." ... Payton now has 11,151 rushing yards, 85 behind third-place O.J. Simpson. ... Three Eagles and five Bears did not play because of injuries.

Bowling, Anyone? Miami and Auburn

Auburn secured the role of host team in the Sugar Bowl and Miami (Fla.) locked up a bid to be the visiting team in its home stadium, the Orange Bowl, on the night of January 2, 1984.

Auburn's trip to New Orleans was automatically assured when the Tigers defeated Georgia, 13-7, in the biggest Southeastern Conference game of the season. The triumph gave the Tigers at least a tie for the SEC crown (they still have a December 3 date with archrival Alabama).

Miami's bid to the Orange Bowl was regarded as a certainty when bowl invitations are extended officially November 19. The Hurricanes will play Nebraska—this was confirmed by Orange Bowl officials, regardless of the outcome of the Nebraska-Oklahoma game November 26. Because the Orange Bowl and the Big Eight have a tie-up for the game, the Cornhuskers will be the host team and Miami will be the visitor.

The Auburn-Georgia clash at Athens, Ga., was pretty much a defensive struggle. The Tigers managed a touchdown and two field goals to take a 13-0 lead that held up until late in the fourth quarter. Georgia then staged an 80-yard drive, mainly on the passing of quarterback John Lastinger, to draw within six points with 2:11 left. The Bulldogs subsequently recovered an onside kickoff and were in a position to make a miracle finish. But Auburn's defense forced the Dawgs to surrender the ball when a fourth-down pass fell incomplete.

The result left Auburn in position to win its first SEC championship in 26 years. Georgia's SEC winning streak ended at 23 games and its home-field unbeaten string ended at 24 games.

Auburn Coach Pat Dye said, "I'm mighty happy and I'm just so thankful. Georgia hung in there and at the end had a chance to win it. But our folks battled them and finally won."

Auburn's likely opponent in the Sugar Bowl is the winner of the November 18 Ohio-State-Michigan game. The loser probably will face Pitt in the Fiesta Bowl.

Miami found itself trailing Florida State, 16-14, with 2:12 remaining in the game. That's when freshman quarterback Bernie Kosar launched the Hurricanes on a drive that carried to the Seminoles' 3-yard line with three seconds left. At that point, Jeff Davis booted a 19-yard field goal.

Kosar completed 21 of 35 passes for 243 yards and one touchdown.

"This was a fairy book story with a fairy book ending," said Miami Coach Howard Schnellenberger, whose team lost its season opener to Florida and then won 10 straight.

The Unofficial ACC Champion

Clemson is on probation for recruiting violations and is ineligible for the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and a postseason bowl game. But the Tigers still can field a football team, and this year's team again is very good. After beating North Carolina the previous week, the Tigers climaxed their conference campaign with a 52-27 rout of Maryland, a team that had been nationally ranked.

The triumph gave Clemson a mark of 6-0 against ACC foes—good for the conference championship, if the Tigers were eligible—and an overall mark of 8-1-1.

A record Memorial Stadium crowd of 81,000 at Clemson saw the Tigers erupt for four touchdowns in the second period to build a 42-7 lead. The defense allowed Maryland to cross midfield only once in the first half and the Terrapins' second-half scoring was done long after the game's result had been decided.

The stars for Clemson were Kevin Mack, who rushed for 186 yards and three touchdowns, and Mike Eppley, who passed for three touchdowns.

A Scott Stadium record crowd of 42,933 watched in delighted amazement at Charlottesville, Va., as Virginia overcame a 14-0 deficit to upset heavily favored North Carolina, 17-14. The triumph was Virginia's first over the Tar Heels in 10 years and assured the Cavaliers their first winning season since 1979.

Virginia took the lead midway through the fourth quarter when Howard Petty plunged into the end zone from the 1-yard line. The Virginia defense did the rest. Cavalier defensive end Mark Wiley, who had previously recovered a fumble to set up the game-winning TD, killed off North Carolina's last chance by intercepting a pass at the Tar Heel 30-yard line.

Orangemen Shoot Down Eagles

In a notable upset in the East, Syracuse put a big dent in Boston College's postseason aspirations by beating the Eagles, 21-10.

Boston College's celebrated quarterback, Doug Flutie, was dealt a miserable afternoon by the Orange defenders. Flutie was intercepted three times, sacked four times and forced into a fumble. He was able to hit only 12 of 36 passing attempts.

Meanwhile, Syracuse quarterback Todd Norley completed 11 of 26 passes for 298 yards and two touchdowns. Throughout the

afternoon, it was Norley's scrambling and passing that kept Syracuse drives alive.

In another Eastern game of note, Penn State quarterback Doug Strang raced eight yards for a touchdown with 19 seconds remaining, enabling the Nittany Lions to come away with a 34-30 decision over Notre Dame. Prior to running for the winning score, Strang had completed 16 of 24 passes for 274 yards and three touchdowns.

Strang's heroics nullified an All-America performance by Irish sophomore tailback Allen Pinkett, who rushed for 217 yards on 36 carries and scored four touchdowns. Pinkett's 217 yards boosted his season total to 1,197 and made him only the third player in Notre Dame history to go over the 1,000-yard mark rushing in one season. Despite the defeat, look for Notre Dame to oppose Boston College in the Liberty Bowl.

The result left Penn State with a 7-4-0 record and an outside shot at a bowl bid, depending on what happened to the Nittany Lions at Pittsburgh November 19. Notre Dame fell to 6-4 and none of the Irish victories had come against a team with a winning record.

Big Numbers For Cornhuskers

Nebraska's Mike Rozier, considered to be the frontrunner for the Heisman Trophy, had the best day of his career as the Cornhuskers walloped Kansas, 67-13. Rozier rushed for 285 yards and four first-half touchdowns. The 285 yards broke Nebraska's single-game rushing mark of 255 yards, set by Rick Berns in 1978.

It was the third consecutive game that Rozier had rushed for 200 yards and his 10th straight game of 100 yards or more.

Nebraska, which has scored more than 50 points in seven games this season, broke an NCAA single-season scoring record with 596 points, surpassing Brigham Young's record of 560, set in 1980.

The usually reticent Nebraska coach, Dr. Tom Osborne, admitted afterward, "It was quite possibly our best overall game."

Nebraska's winning streak is now 21 games.

Texas, Nebraska's main rival for the mythical national championship, found itself in an unusual predicament at half-time of its game with lowly Texas Christian. The Longhorns trailed, 14-3, although their heralded defense had allowed the Horned Frogs only 20 yards total offense and one first down, which came on a penalty. Robert Lyles' 80-yard return of a



urn Make Their Reservations

Stanford Fires Wiggin as Coach

PALO ALTO, Calif.—Andy Geiger, director of athletics at Stanford University, said that the next head football coach of the Cardinal won't have to live up to any "image."

"There's no mold," Geiger said. "People talk a lot about 'the Stanford image.' I want a good football coach. There's not a mold that we try to cram our people into. I want somebody who is aggressive and can turn us around a little."

Paul Wiggin, who had the image of a good guy with lofty ideals, was fired a few days before his team's 16-7 loss to Oregon, a defeat that dropped Stanford to 1-9 this year and put Wiggin's overall mark at 16-27. Wiggin's finale was to be the traditional Big Game clash with California on November 19.

midair fumble and Byron Linwood's 66-yard return of a pass interception had given TCU its points.

But Texas fullback Ronnie Robinson ignited a comeback with a 40-yard touchdown run in the third period and the Horns registered another TD and a field goal in the final stanza to come away with a 20-14 victory.

The Texas defense has allowed only one touchdown in a string of 20 quarters.

Huskies Take Lead in Rose Bowl Race

Sometimes it seems that nobody in the Pacific-10 Conference really wants to go to the Rose Bowl. The previous week, UCLA beat Washington to assume the inside track in the race to Pasadena. The Bruins had only to beat three-time loser Arizona and then four-time loser Southern California to win the conference crown.

But the Bruins were waylaid by Arizona and Wildcat quarterback Tom Tunnicliffe, 27-24. Tunnicliffe completed 23 of 40 passes for 270 yards, including an eight-yard touchdown toss to

Jay Dobyns with 61 seconds left in the game.

UCLA then drove to the Arizona 20, and John Lee attempted a 37-yard field goal on the last play of the game. A tie would have kept UCLA atop the conference standings. But Lee topped the ball and his kick went wide. That left the Bruins needing a season-ending victory over USC and a Washington State upset of Washington in order for UCLA to get a repeat trip to Pasadena.

Washington, which had seemingly been knocked out of the Rose Bowl the previous week (Pacific-10 officials had been shopping around the country, seeking to land another bowl invitation for the Huskies), stood as master of its own destiny after blanking Southern California, 24-0. The Huskies were sparked by Danny Greene, who caught a 39-yard touchdown pass and returned a punt 71 yards for another TD.

Washington Coach Don James got his 100th career victory and the shutout was the first registered against the Trojans in 186 games over 17 seasons.

Around The Country

Missouri raised its record to 7-3 and locked up a bowl invitation by downing Oklahoma State, 16-10. . . . Quarterback David Archer and wide receiver Tracy Henderson set Big Eight records in leading Iowa State past Kansas State, 49-27. Archer's 304 yards passing gave him 2,507 yards in total offense, topping the conference mark of 2,387 by the Cyclones' George Amundson in 1972. Henderson had a Big Eight single-game high of 16 receptions and his 165 yards gave him 1,074 for the season, breaking the mark of 967 by Oklahoma's Eddie Hinton in 1968.

. . . Earl Johnson's 258 yards on the ground paced Oklahoma over Colorado, 41-28. Johnson thus surpassed the Sooners' freshman rushing mark, 239 yards, set by Marcus Dupree in the 1983 Fiesta Bowl. . . . The Flying Dutchmen of Hofstra closed out their regular season at 10-0 by beating the Coast Guard Academy, 31-10, and headed for the NCAA Division III playoffs. . . . Tailback Eric Densen rushed for 179 yards and one touchdown to lead Wichita State to a 28-6 upset of previously undefeated Southern Illinois, the top-ranked team in Division I-AA.

Duke quarterback Ben Bennett hit on 32 of 48 passes for 442 yards in sparking the Blue Devils to a 27-26 decision over North Carolina State. Bennett thus set an NCAA career record of 793 completions, surpassing the previous mark of 774, set by John Elway of Stanford last year. . . . Illinois clinched at least a tie

TSN's TOP TWENTY

By JOE MARCIN

Rank—Team	Record	Most Recent Game
1. Texas	9-0-0	Beat TCU, 20-14
2. Nebraska	11-0-0	Beat Kansas, 67-13
3. Auburn	9-1-0	Beat Georgia, 13-7
4. Illinois	9-1-0	Beat Indiana, 49-21
5. Miami (Fla.)	10-1-0	Beat Florida St., 17-16
6. Southern Methodist	8-1-0	Beat Texas Tech, 33-7
7. Michigan	8-2-0	Beat Minnesota, 58-10
8. Ohio State	8-2-0	Beat Northwestern, 55-7
9. Georgia	8-1-1	Lost to Auburn, 13-7
10. Iowa	8-2-0	Beat Mich. St., 12-6
11. Florida	7-2-1	Beat Kentucky, 24-7
12. Pittsburgh	8-2-0	Beat Army, 38-7
13. West Virginia	8-2-0	Beat Rutgers, 35-7
14. Alabama	7-2-0	Beat So. Miss., 28-16
15. Brigham Young	9-1-0	Beat Colorado St., 24-6
16. Washington	8-2-0	Beat USC, 24-0
17. Clemson	8-1-1	Beat Maryland, 52-27
18. Missouri	7-3-0	Beat Okla. St., 16-10
19. Oklahoma	7-3-0	Beat Colorado, 41-28
20. Penn State	7-4-0	Beat Notre Dame, 34-40

Play of the Week

Jeff Davis kicked a 19-yard field goal on the last play of the game to lift Miami (Fla.) to a 17-16 triumph over Florida State. The kick was worth more than \$1 million to the independent Hurricanes, as it enabled them to close out their regular season at 10-1-0, assuring them of an invitation to the lucrative Orange Bowl.

for the Big Ten Conference championship and secured the Rose Bowl berth by whipping Indiana, 49-21. Dwight Beverly ran for three touchdowns and Thomas Rooks ran for two for the Illini. . . . Virginia Tech safety Ashley Lee broke an NCAA record by intercepting two passes and returning them 88 and 94 yards for touchdowns to lead the Hokies to a 21-10 win over Vanderbilt.

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College Schedules, Results

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AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Colorado Springs, Colo.	Ken Hatfield
Sept. 3 Colorado State	34 13
Sept. 10 Texas Tech*	28 13
Sept. 17 Wyoming	7 14
Sept. 24 Brigham Young†	28 46
Oct. 8 Navy	44 17
Oct. 15 Texas El Paso†	37 25
Oct. 22 Utah†	33 21
Oct. 29 Army†	41 20
Nov. 5 Hawaii†	45 10
Nov. 19 Notre Dame	30 17
Nov. 26 San Diego State	44 32

ALABAMA, UNIVERSITY OF

Tuscaloosa, Ala.	Ray Perkins
Sept. 10 Georgia Tech†	20 7
Sept. 17 Mississippi†	40 0
Sept. 24 Vanderbilt†	44 24
Oct. 1 Memphis State†	44 13
Oct. 8 Penn State	28 34
Oct. 15 Tennessee†	34 41
Oct. 29 Mississippi State†	35 18
Nov. 5 Louisiana State†	32 26
Nov. 12 Southern Mississippi†	28 16
Nov. 25 Boston College†	x x
Dec. 3 Auburn†	22 23
†Birmingham, Ala.	
*Foxboro, Mass.	

ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF

Tucson, Ariz.	Larry Smith
Sept. 3 Oregon State†	50 6
Sept. 10 Utah†	38 0
Sept. 17 Washington State	45 6
Sept. 24 Fullerton State†	37 10
Oct. 1 California*	33 33
Oct. 8 Colorado State†	52 21
Oct. 15 Oregon†	10 19
Oct. 22 Stanford	22 31
Nov. 5 Washington†	22 23
Nov. 12 UCLA†	27 24
Nov. 26 Arizona State*	28 18

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tempe, Ariz.	Darryl Rogers
Sept. 10 Utah State†	39 12
Sept. 17 UCLA†	26 26
Sept. 24 Wichita State†	44 14
Oct. 1 Stanford†	29 11
Oct. 15 Southern California	34 14
Oct. 22 Washington State†	21 31
Oct. 29 Florida State†	26 29
Nov. 5 California	24 26
Nov. 12 Oregon State†	38 3
Nov. 19 San Jose State†	x x
Nov. 26 Arizona†	18 28

ARKANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Fayetteville, Ark.	Lou Holtz
Sept. 10 Tulsa†	17 14
Sept. 17 New Mexico†	17 0
Sept. 24 Mississippi†	10 13
Oct. 1 Texas Christian*	38 21
Oct. 15 Texas†	3 31
Oct. 22 Houston†	24 3
Oct. 29 Rice†	35 0
Nov. 5 Baylor†	21 24
Nov. 12 Texas A&M	23 36
Nov. 19 Southern Methodist†	17 17
Nov. 26 Texas Tech	21 3
†Little Rock, Ark.	
*Jackson, Miss.	

ARMY (U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY)

West Point, N.Y.	Jim Young
Sept. 10 Colgate†	13 15
Sept. 17 Louisville†	7 31
Sept. 24 Dartmouth†	13 12
Oct. 1 Harvard	21 24
Oct. 8 Rutgers†	20 12
Oct. 15 Notre Dame†	0 42
Oct. 22 Lehigh†	12 13
Oct. 29 Air Force	20 41
Nov. 5 Boston College†	14 34
Nov. 12 Pittsburgh	7 38
Nov. 25 Navy†	7 24
†East Rutherford, N.J.	
*Pasadena, Cal.	

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

Auburn, Ala.	Pat Dye
Sept. 10 Southern Mississippi†	24 3
Sept. 17 Texas†	7 20
Sept. 24 Tennessee	37 14
Oct. 1 Florida State†	27 24
Oct. 8 Kentucky†	49 21
Oct. 15 Georgia Tech	31 13
Oct. 22 Mississippi State†	28 13
Oct. 29 Florida†	28 21
Nov. 5 Maryland†	35 23
Nov. 12 Georgia	13 7
Dec. 3 Alabama†	23 22
†Birmingham, Ala.	

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Waco, Texas	Grant Teaff
Sept. 10 Brigham Young†	40 36
Sept. 17 Texas El Paso†	20 6
Sept. 24 Texas Tech†	11 26
Oct. 1 Houston†	42 21
Oct. 8 Southern Methodist†	26 42
Oct. 15 Texas A&M†	13 13
Oct. 22 Texas Christian†	56 21
Oct. 29 Tulane†	24 18
Nov. 5 Arkansas	24 21
Nov. 12 Rice†	48 14
Nov. 19 Texas	23 31

BOSTON COLLEGE

Chestnut Hill, Mass.	Jack Bicknell
Sept. 3 Morgan State	45 12
Sept. 10 Clemson†	31 16
Sept. 17 Rutgers†	42 22
Sept. 24 West Virginia†	17 27
Oct. 8 Temple	18 15
Oct. 15 Yale	42 7
Oct. 29 Penn State†	27 17
Nov. 5 Army	34 14
Nov. 12 Syracuse	10 21
Nov. 19 Holy Cross†	35 10
Nov. 25 Alabama†	x x
†Cambridge, Mass.	
*Foxboro, Mass.	
†East Rutherford, N.J.	

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Provo, Utah	LaVell Edwards
Sept. 10 Baylor*	36 40
Sept. 17 Bowling Green†	63 28
Sept. 24 Air Force	46 28
Oct. 1 UCLA	37 35
Oct. 8 Wyoming	41 10
Oct. 15 New Mexico†	66 21
Oct. 22 San Diego State†	47 12
Oct. 29 Utah State†	38 34
Nov. 5 Texas El Paso*	31 9
Nov. 12 Colorado State†	24 6
Nov. 19 Utah†	17 12

CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Berkeley, Calif.	Joe Kapp
Sept. 3 Texas A&M*	19 17
Sept. 10 San Diego State†	10 28
Sept. 17 San Jose State†	34 9
Oct. 1 Arizona†	33 33
Oct. 8 Oregon	17 24
Oct. 15 Oregon State†	45 19
Oct. 22 UCLA	16 20
Oct. 29 Southern California†	9 19
Nov. 5 Arizona State†	26 24
Nov. 12 Washington State	6 16
Nov. 19 Stanford	25 20

CLEMSON UNIVERSITY

Clemson, S.C.	Danny Ford
Sept. 3 Western Carolina†	44 10
Sept. 10 Boston College*	16 31
Sept. 17 Georgia†	16 16
Sept. 24 Georgia Tech†	41 14
Oct. 1 Virginia†	42 21
Oct. 8 Duke	38 31
Oct. 15 North Carolina State†	27 17
Oct. 22 Wake Forest†	24 17
Oct. 29 North Carolina	16 3
Nov. 12 Maryland†	52 27
Nov. 19 South Carolina	24 6

COLORADO, UNIVERSITY OF

Boulder, Colo.	Bill McCartney
Sept. 10 Michigan State	17 23
Sept. 17 Colorado State†	31 3
Sept. 24 Oregon State†	38 14
Oct. 1 Notre Dame†	3 27
Oct. 8 Missouri	20 59
Oct. 15 Iowa State	10 22
Oct. 22 Nebraska	19 69
Oct. 29 Oklahoma State†	14 40
Nov. 5 Kansas	34 23
Nov. 12 Oklahoma	28 41
Nov. 19 Kansas State†	10 33

DUKE UNIVERSITY

Durham, N.C.	Steve Sloan
Sept. 3 Virginia*	30 38
Sept. 10 Indiana	10 15
Sept. 17 South Carolina†	21 34
Oct. 1 Miami, Florida†	17 56
Oct. 8 Virginia Tech	14 27
Oct. 15 Clemson†	31 38
Oct. 22 Maryland	3 38
Oct. 29 Georgia Tech†	32 26
Nov. 5 Wake Forest	31 21
Nov. 12 North Carolina State†	27 26
Nov. 19 North Carolina	23 17

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Greenville, N.C.	Ed Emory
Sept. 3 Florida State*	46 47
Sept. 10 North Carolina State*	22 16
Sept. 17 Murray State†	50 25
Oct. 1 Missouri	13 6
Oct. 8 Southwest Louisiana†	21 18
Oct. 15 Temple	24 11
Oct. 22 Florida	17 24
Oct. 29 East Tennessee State†	21 9
Nov. 5 Miami, Florida	7 12
Nov. 12 William & Mary†	40 6
Nov. 19 Southern Mississippi†	x x

FLORIDA, UNIVERSITY OF

Gainesville, Fla.	Charley Pell
Sept. 3 Miami, Florida†	28 3
Sept. 10 Southern California	19 19
Sept. 17 Indiana State†	17 13
Sept. 24 Mississippi State	35 12
Oct. 1 Louisiana State*	31 17
Oct. 8 Vanderbilt†	29 10
Oct. 15 Florida†	24 17
Oct. 22 East Carolina†	21 28
Oct. 29 Auburn	9 10
Nov. 5 Georgia†	24 7
Nov. 12 Kentucky†	13 10
Dec. 3 Florida State†	x x
†Jacksonville, Fla.	

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tallahassee, Fla.	Bobby Bowden
Sept. 3 East Carolina†	47 46
Sept. 10 Louisiana State	40 35
Sept. 17 Tulane	28 34
Oct. 1 Auburn	24 27
Oct. 8 Pittsburgh	16 17
Oct. 15 Cincinnati†	43 17
Oct. 22 Louisville†	51 7
Oct. 29 Arizona State†	29 26
Nov. 5 South Carolina†	45 30
Nov. 12 Miami, Florida†	16 17
Dec. 3 Florida	10 13

FRESNO STATE UNIVERSITY

Fresno, Calif.	Jim Sweeney
Sept. 10 Bowling Green†	27 35
Sept. 17 Nevada Reno†	24 22
Sept. 24 Pacific California*	34 14
Oct. 1 Utah State	12 20
Oct. 8 San Jose State†	23 41
Oct. 15 Montana State	31 12
Oct. 22 Fullerton State†	17 18
Oct. 29 California Poly State†	30 7
Nov. 5 Nevada Las Vegas†	7 20
Nov. 12 Long Beach State	7 3
Nov. 19 Northern Arizona†	x x

GEORGIA, UNIVERSITY OF

Athens, Ga.	Vince Dooley
Sept. 3 UCLA†	19 8
Sept. 17 Clemson	16 16
Sept. 24 South Carolina†	31 13
Oct. 1 Mississippi State†	20 7
Oct. 8 Mississippi	36 11
Oct. 15 Vanderbilt†	20 13
Oct. 22 Kentucky†	47 21
Oct. 29 Temple†	31 14
Nov. 5 Florida†	10 9
Nov. 12 Auburn†	7 13
Nov. 26 Georgia Tech	38 18
†Jacksonville, Fla.	

GEORGIA TECH

Atlanta, Ga.	Bill Curry
Sept. 10 Alabama†	7 20
Sept. 17 Furman†	14 17
Sept. 24 Clemson	14 41
Oct. 1 North Carolina†	21 38
Oct. 8 North Carolina State	20 10
Oct. 15 Auburn†	13 31
Oct. 22 Tennessee	3 37
Oct. 29 Duke	26 32
Nov. 3 Virginia†	31 27
Nov. 12 Wake Forest†	49 33
Nov. 26 Georgia Tech	18 38
†Birmingham, Ala.	

HOUSTON, UNIVERSITY OF

Houston, Texas	Bill Yeoman
Sept. 3 Rice*	45 14
Sept. 10 Miami, Florida†	7 29
Sept. 17 Lamar†	42 35
Sept. 24 Oregon	14 15
Oct. 1 Baylor†	21 42
Oct. 8 Texas A&M	7 30
Oct. 22 Arkansas	3 24
Oct. 29 Texas Christian	28 21
Nov. 5 Texas†	3 9
Nov. 19 Texas Tech†	24 7
Nov. 26 Southern Methodist†	14 20
†Tokyo, Japan.	

ILLINOIS, UNIVERSITY OF

Champaign, Ill.	Mike White
Sept. 10 Missouri	18 28
Sept. 17 Stanford†	17 7
Sept. 24 Michigan State	20 10
Oct. 1 Iowa†	33 0
Oct. 8 Wisconsin	27 15
Oct. 15 Ohio State†	17 13
Oct. 22 Purdue	35 21
Oct. 29 Michigan†	16 6
Nov. 5 Minnesota†	50 23
Nov. 12 Indiana†	49 21
Nov. 19 Northwestern	49 13

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Bloomington, Ind.	Sam Wyche
Sept. 10 Duke†	15 10
Sept. 17 Kentucky	13 24
Sept. 24 Northwestern†	8 10
Oct. 1 Michigan	18 43
Oct. 8 Minnesota†	38 31
Oct. 15 Michigan State†	24 12
Oct. 22 Wisconsin	14 45
Oct. 29 Iowa	3 49
Nov. 5 Ohio State†	17 56
Nov. 12 Illinois	21 49
Nov. 19 Purdue†	13 7

IOWA, UNIVERSITY OF

Iowa City, Iowa	Hayden Fry
Sept. 10 Iowa State	51 10
Sept. 17 Penn State	42 34
Sept. 24 Ohio State†	20 14
Oct. 1 Illinois	0 33
Oct. 8 Northwestern†	61 21
Oct. 15 Purdue†	31 14
Oct. 22 Michigan	13 16
Oct. 29 Indiana†	49 3
Nov. 5 Wisconsin	34 14
Nov. 12 Michigan State	12 6
Nov. 19 Minnesota†	21 16

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ames, Iowa	Jim Criner
Sept. 10 Iowa†	10 51
Sept. 17 Vanderbilt†	26 29
Sept. 24 Colorado State†	21 17
Oct. 1 New Mexico State†	17 24
Oct. 8 Kansas†	38 35
Oct. 15 Colorado†	22 10
Oct. 22 Oklahoma	11 49
Oct. 29 Missouri†	18 41
Nov. 5 Nebraska	29 72
Nov. 12 Kansas State	49 27
Nov. 19 Oklahoma State†	43 49

KANSAS, UNIVERSITY OF

Lawrence, Kan.	Mike Gottfried
Sept. 3 Northern Illinois†	34 37
Sept. 10 Texas Christian†	16 16
Sept. 17 Wichita State†	57 6
Sept. 24 Southern California	26 20
Oct. 8 Iowa State†	35 38
Oct. 15 Kansas State†	31 3
Oct. 22 Oklahoma State†	10 27
Oct. 29 Oklahoma	14 45
Nov. 5 Colorado†	23 34
Nov. 12 Nebraska	13 67
Nov. 19 Missouri†	10 16

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Manhattan, Kan.	Jim Dickey
Sept. 3 Long Beach State†	20 28
Sept. 10 Kentucky	12 31
Sept. 17 Texas Christian†	20 3
Sept. 24 Wyoming†	27 25
Oct. 1 Oklahoma†	10 29
Oct. 15 Kansas	3 31
Oct. 22 Missouri	0 38
Oct. 29 Nebraska†	25 51
Nov. 5 Oklahoma State	21 20
Nov. 12 Iowa State†	27 49
Nov. 19 Colorado	33 10

KENTUCKY, UNIVERSITY OF

Lexington, Ky.	Jerry Claiborne
Sept. 3 Central Michigan†	31 14
Sept. 10 Kansas State†	31 12
Sept. 17 Indiana†	24 13
Sept. 24 Tulane†	26 14
Oct. 8 Auburn†	21 49
Oct. 15 Louisiana State*	21 13
Oct. 22 Georgia	21 47
Oct. 29 Cincinnati†	13 13
Nov. 5 Vanderbilt	17 8
Nov. 12 Florida	7 24
Nov. 19 Tennessee†	7 28

LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA STATE U.

Long Beach, Calif.	Dave Curry
Sept. 3 Kansas State*	28 20
Sept. 10 Fullerton State	19 25
Sept. 17 Hawaii*	23 21
Oct. 1 Texas A&M†	46 10
Oct. 8 San Diego State	20 13
Oct. 15 Pacific*	28 16
Oct. 22 San Jose State†	9 18
Oct. 29 Eastern Washington	17 20
Nov. 5 Montana	38 14
Nov. 12 Fresno State†	3 7
Nov. 19 Nevada Las Vegas	24 13
Nov. 26 Utah State†	44 17

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Baton Rouge, La.	Jerry Stovall
Sept. 10 Florida State†	35 40
Sept. 17 Rice†	24 10
Sept. 24 Washington†	40 14
Oct. 1 Florida†	17 31
Oct. 8 Tennessee*	6 20
Oct. 15 Kentucky†	13 21
Oct. 22 South Carolina*	20 6
Oct. 29 Mississippi†	24 27
Nov. 5 Alabama†	26 32
Nov. 12 Mississippi State†	26 45
Nov. 19 Tulane	28 31
†Jackson, Miss.	

LOUISVILLE, UNIVERSITY OF

Louisville, Ky.	Bob Weber
Sept. 3 Southern Methodist†	6 24
Sept. 10 Western Kentucky†	41 22
Sept. 17 Army†	31 7
Sept. 24 Cincinnati†	31 23
Oct. 1 Virginia Tech	0 31
Oct. 8 Miami, Florida	14 42
Oct. 15 Pittsburgh†	10 55
Oct. 22 Florida State*	7 51
Nov. 5 Southern Mississippi†	3 27
Nov. 12 Temple	7 24
Nov. 24 Memphis State†	x x

MARYLAND, UNIVERSITY OF

College Park, Md.	
Sept. 10 Vanderbilt*	
Sept. 17 West Virginia†*	
Sept. 24 Pittsburgh†	
Oct. 1 Virginia†	
Oct. 8 Syracuse†	
Oct. 15 Wake Forest	
Oct. 22 Duke†	
Oct. 29 North Carolina†	
Nov. 5 Auburn	
Nov. 12 Clemson	
Nov. 19 North Carolina State	

SAN JOSE STATE UNIVERSITY		
San Jose, Calif.	Jack Elway	
Sept. 10 Nevada-Las Vegas†	31	26
Sept. 17 California	9	30
Sept. 24 Stanford	23	10
Oct. 1 Oregon†	44	34
Oct. 8 Fresno State*	41	23
Oct. 15 Fullerton State*	11	20
Oct. 22 Long Beach State	18	9
Nov. 5 Utah State	15	22
Nov. 12 Pacific, California*	26	30
Nov. 19 Arizona State*	x	x
Nov. 26 Southwestern Louisiana†	x	x

SOUTH CAROLINA, UNIVERSITY OF		
Columbia, S.C.	Joe Morrison	
Sept. 3 North Carolina*	8	24
Sept. 10 Miami, Ohio*	24	3
Sept. 17 Duke	31	24
Sept. 24 Georgia	13	31
Oct. 1 Southern California*	38	14
Oct. 8 Notre Dame*	6	30
Oct. 22 Louisiana State*	6	20
Oct. 29 North Carolina State†	31	17
Nov. 5 Florida State*	30	45
Nov. 12 Navy†	31	7
Nov. 19 Clemson†	6	24

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, U. OF		
Los Angeles, Calif.	Ted Tollner	
Sept. 10 Florida†	19	19
Sept. 17 Oregon State*	33	10
Sept. 24 Kansas†	20	26
Oct. 1 South Carolina*	14	38
Oct. 8 Washington State†	38	17
Oct. 15 Arizona State†	14	34
Oct. 22 Notre Dame	6	27
Oct. 29 California	19	9
Nov. 5 Stanford†	30	7
Nov. 12 Washington	0	24
Nov. 19 UCLA†	19	20

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY		
Dallas, Texas	Bobby Collins	
Sept. 3 Louisville†	24	6
Sept. 10 Grambling†	20	13
Sept. 24 Texas Christian*	21	17
Oct. 1 Texas-Arlington†	34	0
Oct. 8 Baylor†	42	26
Oct. 22 Texas†	12	15
Oct. 29 Texas A&M	10	7
Nov. 5 Rice†	20	6
Nov. 12 Texas Tech†	33	7
Nov. 19 Arkansas†	17	17
Nov. 26 Houston†	20	14
†Shreveport, La.		
*Tokyo, Japan		
†Little Rock, Ark.		

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI, U. OF		
Hattiesburg, Miss.	Jim Carmody	
Sept. 3 Richmond†	32	3
Sept. 10 Auburn*	3	24
Sept. 17 Louisiana Tech†	28	10
Oct. 1 Mississippi	27	7
Oct. 8 Mississippi State†	31	6
Oct. 15 Memphis State*	27	20
Oct. 22 Tulane†	7	14
Oct. 29 Southwestern Louisiana*	31	3
Nov. 5 Louisville	27	3
Nov. 12 Alabama*	16	28
Nov. 19 East Carolina†	x	x
†Jackson, Miss.		
*Birmingham, Ala.		

STANFORD UNIVERSITY		
Stanford, Calif.	Paul Wiggin	
Sept. 10 Oklahoma†	14	27
Sept. 17 Illinois*	7	17
Sept. 24 San Jose State†	10	23
Oct. 1 Arizona State*	11	29
Oct. 8 UCLA†	21	39
Oct. 15 Washington	15	32
Oct. 22 Arizona†	31	22
Oct. 29 Oregon State	18	31
Nov. 5 Southern California	7	30
Nov. 12 Oregon†	7	16
Nov. 19 California†	20	25

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY		
Syracuse, N.Y.	Dick MacPherson	
Sept. 2 Temple*	6	17
Sept. 10 Kent State*	22	10
Sept. 17 Northwestern†	35	0
Sept. 24 Rutgers†	17	13
Oct. 1 Nebraska	7	63
Oct. 8 Maryland	13	34
Oct. 15 Penn State†	6	17
Oct. 22 Pittsburgh	10	13
Nov. 5 Navy	14	7
Nov. 12 Boston College†	21	10
Nov. 19 West Virginia†	0	26

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY		
Philadelphia, Pa.	Bruce Arians	
Sept. 2 Syracuse*	17	6
Sept. 10 Pittsburgh	0	35
Sept. 24 Penn State†	18	23
Oct. 1 Boston College†	15	18
Oct. 8 Cincinnati*	16	31
Oct. 15 East Carolina†	11	24
Oct. 22 Delaware	23	16
Oct. 29 Georgia	14	31
Nov. 5 West Virginia	9	27
Nov. 12 Louisville†	24	7
Nov. 19 Rutgers	7	10

TENNESSEE, UNIVERSITY OF		
Knoxville, Tenn.	John Majors	
Sept. 3 Pittsburgh†	3	13
Sept. 10 New Mexico†	31	6
Sept. 24 Auburn†	14	37
Oct. 1 Citadel†	45	6
Oct. 8 Louisiana State†	20	6
Oct. 15 Alabama*	41	34
Oct. 22 Georgia Tech†	37	3
Oct. 29 Rutgers†	7	0
Nov. 12 Mississippi†	10	13
Nov. 19 Kentucky	28	7
Nov. 26 Vanderbilt†	21	28
†Memphis, Tenn.		
*Birmingham, Ala.		
†East Rutherford, N.J.		

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY OF		
Austin, Texas	Fred Akers	
Sept. 17 Auburn*	20	7
Sept. 24 North Texas State*	26	6
Oct. 1 Rice†	42	6
Oct. 8 Oklahoma†	28	16
Oct. 15 Arkansas*	31	3
Oct. 22 Southern Methodist†	15	12
Oct. 29 Texas Tech†	20	3
Nov. 5 Houston	9	3
Nov. 12 Texas Christian†	20	14
Nov. 19 Baylor†	31	23
Nov. 26 Texas A&M	53	16
†Dallas, Tex.		
†Little Rock, Ark.		

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY		
College Station, Texas	Jackie Sherrill	
Sept. 3 California*	17	19
Sept. 17 Arkansas State†	38	0
Sept. 24 Oklahoma State†	15	34
Oct. 1 Texas Tech*	0	3
Oct. 8 Houston†	30	7
Oct. 15 Baylor*	13	13
Oct. 22 Rice	22	10
Oct. 29 Southern Methodist†	7	10
Nov. 12 Arkansas†	36	23
Nov. 19 Texas Christian	34	14
Nov. 26 Texas†	16	53

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY		
Fort Worth, Texas	Jim Wacker	
Sept. 10 Kansas*	16	16
Sept. 17 Kansas State	3	20
Sept. 24 Southern Methodist†	17	21
Oct. 1 Arkansas†	21	38
Oct. 8 Rice*	34	3
Oct. 15 Mississippi†	7	20
Oct. 22 Baylor	21	56
Oct. 29 Houston†	21	28
Nov. 5 Texas Tech	10	10
Nov. 12 Texas	14	20
Nov. 19 Texas A&M†	14	34

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY		
Lubbock, Texas	Jerry Moore	
Sept. 10 Air Force	13	28
Sept. 24 Baylor*	26	11
Oct. 1 Texas A&M*	3	0
Oct. 8 New Mexico†	10	30
Oct. 15 Rice†	14	3
Oct. 22 Tulsa†	20	59
Oct. 29 Texas	3	20
Nov. 5 Texas Christian†	10	10
Nov. 12 Southern Methodist	7	33
Nov. 19 Houston†	7	24
Nov. 26 Arkansas†	3	21

TULANE UNIVERSITY		
New Orleans, La.	Wally English	
Sept. 3 Mississippi State	9	14
Sept. 10 Mississippi†	27	23
Sept. 17 Florida State†	34	28
Sept. 24 Kentucky	14	26
Oct. 1 Vanderbilt†	17	30
Oct. 8 Memphis State*	25	28
Oct. 15 Southwestern Louisiana†	17	15
Oct. 22 Southern Mississippi†	14	7
Oct. 29 Baylor	18	24
Nov. 5 Virginia Tech†	10	26
Nov. 19 Louisiana State†	31	28

TULSA, UNIVERSITY OF		
Tulsa, Okla.	John Cooper	
Sept. 3 San Diego State*	34	9
Sept. 10 Arkansas	14	17
Sept. 17 Northwestern Louisiana*	26	19
Sept. 24 Oklahoma	18	28
Oct. 1 Oklahoma State	0	9
Oct. 8 New Mexico State*	24	10
Oct. 15 Illinois State*	39	25
Oct. 22 Texas Tech*	59	20
Oct. 29 Wichita State*	30	19
Nov. 5 Drake	22	13
Nov. 12 West Texas State†	31	16

UCLA (U. OF CAL., LOS ANGELES)		
Los Angeles, Calif.	Terry Donahue	
Sept. 3 Georgia*	8	19
Sept. 17 Arizona State*	26	26
Sept. 24 Nebraska	10	42
Oct. 1 Brigham Young†	35	37
Oct. 8 Stanford	39	21
Oct. 15 Washington State	24	14
Oct. 22 California†	20	16
Oct. 29 Washington†	27	24
Nov. 5 Oregon	24	13
Nov. 12 Arizona	24	27
Nov. 19 Southern California	20	19

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY		
Nashville, Tenn.	George MacIntyre	
Sept. 10 Maryland†	14	21
Sept. 17 Iowa State*	29	26
Sept. 24 Alabama*	24	44
Oct. 1 Tulane	30	17
Oct. 8 Florida	10	29
Oct. 15 Georgia†	13	20
Oct. 22 Mississippi	14	21
Oct. 29 Memphis State†	7	24
Nov. 5 Kentucky†	8	17
Nov. 12 Virginia Tech	10	21
Nov. 26 Tennessee	28	21

VIRGINIA, UNIVERSITY OF		
Charlottesville, Va.	George Welsh	
Sept. 3 Duke†	38	30
Sept. 10 Navy†	27	16
Sept. 17 James Madison*	21	14
Sept. 24 North Carolina State*	26	14
Oct. 1 Maryland	3	23
Oct. 8 Clemson	21	42
Oct. 15 Virginia Military*	38	10
Oct. 22 Wake Forest	34	38
Oct. 29 Georgia Tech†	27	31
Nov. 12 North Carolina†	17	14
Nov. 19 Virginia Tech†	14	21

VIRGINIA TECH		
Blacksburg, Va.	Bill Dooley	
Sept. 10 Wake Forest†	6	13
Sept. 17 Memphis State*	17	10
Sept. 24 Virginia Military†	28	0
Oct. 1 Louisville†	31	0
Oct. 8 Duke†	27	14
Oct. 15 West Virginia	0	13
Oct. 22 Richmond†	38	0
Oct. 29 William & Mary†	59	21
Nov. 5 Tulane	26	10
Nov. 12 Vanderbilt†	21	10
Nov. 19 Virginia	21	14

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY		
Winston-Salem, N.C.	Al Groh	
Sept. 3 Appalachian State†	25	27
Sept. 10 Virginia Tech	13	6
Sept. 17 Western Carolina†	21	0
Sept. 24 Richmond	31	6
Oct. 1 North Carolina State†	15	38
Oct. 8 North Carolina	10	30
Oct. 15 Maryland†	33	36
Oct. 22 Virginia†	38	34
Oct. 29 Clemson	17	24
Nov. 5 Duke†	21	31
Nov. 12 Georgia Tech	33	49

WASHINGTON, UNIVERSITY OF		
Seattle, Wash.	Don James	
Sept. 10 Northwestern	34	0
Sept. 17 Michigan†	25	24
Sept. 24 Louisiana State*	14	40
Oct. 1 Navy†	27	10
Oct. 8 Oregon State†	34	7
Oct. 15 Stanford†	32	15
Oct. 22 Rice	32	3
Oct. 29 UCLA	24	27
Nov. 5 Arizona	23	22
Nov. 12 Southern California†	24	0
Nov. 19 Washington State†	20	24

ATLANTA FALCONS		
Head Coach	Dan Henning	
Sept. 4 at Chicago	20	17
Sept. 11 NEW YORK GIANTS (OT)	13	16
Sept. 18 at Detroit	30	14
Sept. 25 at San Francisco	20	24
Oct. 2 PHILADELPHIA	24	28
Oct. 9 NEW ORLEANS	17	19
Oct. 16 at Los Angeles Rams	21	27
Oct. 23 at New York Jets	27	21
Oct. 30 NEW ENGLAND	24	13
Nov. 6 at New Orleans	10	27
Nov. 14 L. A. RAMS (Monday)	9:00	
Nov. 20 SAN FRANCISCO	4:00	
Nov. 27 GREEN BAY	4:00	
Dec. 4 at Washington	1:00	
Dec. 10 at Miami (Saturday)	4:00	
Dec. 18 BUFFALO	1:00	

BALTIMORE COLTS		
Head Coach	Frank Kush	
Sept. 4 at New England (OT)	29	23
Sept. 11 DENVER	10	17
Sept. 18 at Buffalo	23	28
Sept. 25 CHICAGO (OT)	22	19
Oct. 2 at Cincinnati	34	31
Oct. 9 NEW ENGLAND	12	7
Oct. 16 BUFFALO	7	30
Oct. 23 MIAMI	7	21
Oct. 30 at Philadelphia	22	21
Nov. 6 at New York Jets	17	14
Nov. 13 PITTSBURGH	13	24
Nov. 20 at Miami	1:00	
Nov. 27 at Cleveland	1:00	
Dec. 4 NEW YORK JETS	4:00	
Dec. 11 at Denver	2:00	
Dec. 18 HOUSTON	2:00	

BUFFALO BILLS		
Head Coach	Kay Stephenson	
Sept. 4 MIAMI	0	12
Sept. 11 at Cincinnati	10	6
Sept. 18 BALTIMORE	28	23
Sept. 25 HOUSTON	30	13
Oct. 2 N.Y. JETS (Monday)	10	34
Oct. 9 at Miami (OT)	38	35
Oct. 16 at Baltimore	30	7
Oct. 23 NEW ENGLAND	0	31
Oct. 30 NEW ORLEANS	27	21
Nov. 6 at New England	7	21
Nov. 13 at New York Jets	24	17
Nov. 20 L. A. RAIDERS	1:00	
Nov. 27 at Los Angeles Rams	1:00	
Dec. 4 at Kansas City	12:00	
Dec. 11 SAN FRANCISCO	1:00	
Dec. 18 at Atlanta	1:00	

CHICAGO BEARS		
Head Coach	Mike Ditka	
Sept. 4 ATLANTA	17	20
Sept. 11 TAMPA BAY	17	10
Sept. 18 at New Orleans (OT)	31	34
Sept. 25 at Baltimore (OT)	19	22
Oct. 2 DENVER	31	14
Oct. 9 MINNESOTA	14	23
Oct. 16 at Detroit	17	31
Oct. 23 at Philadelphia	7	6
Oct. 30 DETROIT	17	38
Nov. 6 at Los Angeles Rams	14	21
Nov. 13 PHILADELPHIA	17	14
Nov. 20 at Tampa Bay	1:00	
Nov. 27 SAN FRANCISCO	12:00	
Dec. 4 at Green Bay	12:00	
Dec. 11 at Minnesota	12:00	
Dec. 18 GREEN BAY	12:00	

CINCINNATI BENGALS			
Head Coach		●	Forrest Gregg
Sept. 4	LOS ANG. RAIDERS	10	20
Sept. 11	BUFFALO	6	10
Sept. 15	at Cleveland (Thursday)	7	17
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	23	17
Oct. 2	BALTIMORE	31	34
Oct. 10	PITTSBURGH (Monday)	14	24
Oct. 16	at Denver	17	24
Oct. 23	CLEVELAND	28	21
Oct. 30	GREEN BAY	34	14
Nov. 6	at Houston	55	14
Nov. 13	at Kansas City	15	20
Nov. 20	HOUSTON		1:00
Nov. 28	at Miami (Monday)		9:00
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh		1:00
Dec. 11	DETROIT		1:00
Dec. 17	at Minnesota (Saturday)		3:00

Trump Playing the Media Like a Drum

BUFFALO—Upsets were in the making or had been made, individual achievements and heroics were on the board, yet when the NBC telecasts switched back to the studio November 6, Len Berman was telling us, "But the big news is that Donald Trump predicts parity with the NFL in two to three years!"

Donald Trump is now the Pia Zadora of the jock world, courtesy of the network Sunday sports shows and the sports sections of your local newspaper.

Trump may have been just another faceless multimillionaire six weeks ago, but now America knows about the furnishings in his office, the classical musicians playing in the lobby of his

building, the exorbitant prices of luxury apartments in Trump Tower, how he said that the apartments were too expensive for Americans and how he then dealt with Arab sheiks and the Duke of Windsor, about his \$200 million worth and his father's \$800 million, how his dad made him president of the family real estate business because "everything he touches turns to gold," about how he left his personal touch in the New York Hyatt by naming the bar Trumpets and, of course, his many and varied views about his newest shtick, professional football.

In short, an entire media overkill has been done on Donald Trump.

This is a periodic exercise. Last spring, it was Herschel Walker and the border of microphones and pads thrust under his nose to record the story on how the United States Football League won "instant credibility" by signing Walker. In July it was on to Denver and John Elway, to probe how the rookie quarterback would "out-Namath Joe Namath."

Now it's the obligatory piece on how Donald Trump is going to change the face of pro football.

The day he first appeared on NBC, he declared that the future course of the USFL would be to challenge the NFL head to head in the fall. No one bothered to ask him which network

would telecast the USFL in the fall, since all three majors are tied up for contracts with the NFL. Nor did anyone ask how the Tampa Bay Bandits could share Tampa Stadium with the

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Bucs, or the Philadelphia Stars share Veterans Stadium with the Eagles and Phillies, or the Michigan Panthers coexist in the Silverdome with the Detroit Lions.

He also said that agent Howard Slusher had "played Al Davis like a drum" in the negotiations over Marc Wilson's contract with the Raiders and how he, Donald Trump, wasn't really interested in a backup quarterback.

A few hours later, Wilson was looking every bit the million-dollar quarterback as he passed the Dallas Cowboys into their first loss of the season. Al Davis did not look as if he had been played like a drum.

No one mentioned Marc Wilson or his game against the Cowboys the next time Trump made a network TV appearance.

Trump also made it sound as if Don Shula had petitioned him to coach the New Jersey Generals instead of the other way around. No one mentioned that if Shula ever wanted to change jobs for more money, he would not have to distribute resumes or take out an ad in the classified section.

Trump also said that the Michigan Panthers could now beat the Lions. No one pointed out that the late Harry Wismer used to go around New York saying the same sort of things when he owned the New York Titans in the first two years of the American Football League, and the AFL coaches wanted to have him committed.

After milking the Shula episode dry, Trump finally conceded that he'd probably hire a college coach once this season is over. Unless it's someone very hot, like Mike White of Illinois, or a name in the Paterno-Schembechler-Dooley class, it will all be a deflation after his Shula talk.

Finally, Trump stopped talking long enough to do some signing. He signed Gary Barbaro, the Kansas City safety, one of Slusher's clients.

Barbaro is an excellent player. His name might sell a half-dozen season tickets for the Generals, depending on how many relatives he has in the New York metropolitan area.

This is no knock on Barbaro. Jeris White, another Slusher holdout defensive back, wouldn't light up the box office, either. Neither would Mike Haynes, another holdout defensive back, if he went the USFL route.

The USFL, whether Trump knows it or not, doesn't need acknowledged defensive backs. It needs quarterbacks. Trump should have been a lot more interested in Marc Wilson.

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NFL Summaries

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SCORING

San Francisco—Ramson 1 pass from Montana (Werschling kick), 6:26 1st.
San Francisco—Clark 14 pass from Montana (Werschling kick), 14:05 2nd.
San Francisco—Field goal Werschling 33, 14:51 2nd.
San Francisco—Francis 2 pass from Montana (Werschling kick), 7:56 3rd.
San Francisco—Field goal Werschling 25, 12:32 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	New Orleans	San Fran.
First downs	10	28
Rushes-Yards	20-74	34-124
Passing yards	55	273
Sacked-Yards lost	9-77	2-10
Return yards	124	89
Passes	16-29-2	26-44-2
Punts	9-45.6	3-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	4-82	6-34
Time of possession	25:16	34:44
Attendance	40,022	No Shows—21,010

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—New Orleans, Rogers 14-52, W. Wilson 3-10, D. Wilson 2-7, Gajan 1-5; San Francisco, Tyler 15-92, Ring 10-26, Craig 3-7, Montana 2-7, Moore 4-minus 8.
Passing—New Orleans, D. Wilson 16-29-2-132; San Francisco, Montana 26-43-2-283, Clark 0-1-0-0.
Receiving—New Orleans, Goodlow 4-40, Brenner 3-46, Austin 2-25, Scott 2-11, Tice 2-1, Gajan 1-6, Young 1-5, Rogers 1-minus 2; San Francisco, Clark 6-87, Francis 5-52, Ring 4-53, Wilson 4-31, Ramson 4-28, Moore 2-22, Craig 1-10.
Kickoff Returns—New Orleans, Austin 4-67, W. Wilson 1-23; San Francisco, McLemore 1-31.
Punt Returns—New Orleans, Groth 1-9; San Francisco, McLemore 6-48.
Interceptions—New Orleans, Johnson 1-10, Poe 1-15; San Francisco, Wright 1-10, Williamson 1-0.
Punting—New Orleans, Erxleben 9-45.6; San Francisco, Orosz 3-48.0.
Field Goals—New Orleans, none attempted; San Francisco, Werschling 2-3 (missed: 50).
Sacks—New Orleans, Paul, Jackson; San Francisco, Board 2½, Dean 6, Stover ½.

Broncos-Raiders

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SCORE BY PERIODS

Denver	10	0	0	10-20
Los Angeles Raiders	0	6	7	9-22

SCORING

Denver—Field goal Karlis 23, 5:38 1st.
Denver—Chavous fumble recovery in end zone (Karlis kick), 6:34 1st.
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 28, 2:21 2nd.
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 42, 14:58 2nd.
Los Angeles—Allen 7 run (Bahr kick), 9:08 3rd.
Los Angeles—Hawkins 17 run (kick failed), 3:16 4th.
Denver—Field goal Karlis 22, 8:25 4th.
Denver—Elway 4 run (Karlis kick), 14:02 4th.
Los Angeles—Field goal Bahr 39, 14:56 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Denver	Los Angeles
First downs	14	23
Rushes-Yards	25-63	29-140
Passing yards	169	200
Sacked-Yards lost	2-21	5-52
Return yards	91	147
Passes	11-31-1	26-43-0
Punts	7-36.4	5-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-3
Penalties-Yards	5-29	7-57
Time of possession	26:30	33:30
Attendance	51,945	No Shows—5,617

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Denver, Elway 3-32, Winder 14-19, Poole 7-9, Willhite 1-3; Los Angeles, Allen 18-84, Hawkins 6-42, King 4-8, Pruitt 1-6.
Passing—Denver, Elway 11-31-1-190; Los Angeles, Plunkett 26-42-0-252, Allen 0-1-0-0.
Receiving—Denver, Upchurch 3-63, Egloff 2-43, Sampson 1-32, Willhite 1-21, Poole 2-19, Winder 1-8, Watson 1-4; Los Angeles, Christensen 8-114, Branch 6-52, Allen 6-49, Hawkins 4-21, Barnwell 1-10, Pruitt 1-6.
Kickoff Returns—Denver, Thomas 5-90, Studdard 1-0; Los Angeles, Pruitt 3-49, Williams 1-17.
Punt Returns—Denver, Thomas 2-1; Los Angeles, Pruitt 5-80.
Interceptions—Los Angeles, McElroy 1-1.
Punting—Denver, Prestridge 7-36.4; Los Angeles, Guy 5-44.8.
Field Goals—Denver, Karlis 2-2; Los Angeles, Bahr 3-4 (missed: 28).
Sacks—Denver, T. Jackson 2, Jones, Mecklenburg, Latimer ½, Chavous ½; Los Angeles, Townsend, Pickel.

Steelers-Colts

NOVEMBER 13

SCORE BY PERIODS

Pittsburgh	7	10	0	7-24
Baltimore	3	3	7	0-13

SCORING

Pittsburgh—Abercrombie 11 run (Anderson kick), 5:26 1st.
Baltimore—Field goal Allegre 46, 6:57 1st.
Baltimore—Field goal Allegre 37, 1:22 2nd.
Pittsburgh—Field goal Anderson 42, 10:47 2nd.
Pittsburgh—Sweeney 7 pass from Stoudt (Anderson kick), 14:44 2nd.
Baltimore—Dickey 5 run (Allegre kick), 8:55 3rd.
Pittsburgh—Cunningham 2 pass from Stoudt (Anderson kick), 5:14 3rd.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Pittsburgh	Baltimore
First downs	24	16
Rushes-Yards	48-214	28-135
Passing yards	152	199
Sacked-Yards lost	3-21	2-11
Return yards	95	154
Passes	13-23-1	15-31-2
Punts	5-43.2	4-48.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-1
Penalties-Yards	1-5	6-35
Time of possession	36:33	23:27
Attendance	57,319	No Shows—4,160

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Pittsburgh, F. Harris 19-65, Abercrombie 7-27, Stoudt 7-42, Pollard 15-80; Baltimore, Dickey 14-58, McMillan 11-60, Pagel 1-13, Herrmann 1-0, Moore 1-4.
Passing—Pittsburgh, Stoudt 13-23-1-173; Baltimore, Pagel 6-14-1-82, Herrmann 9-17-1-128.
Receiving—Pittsburgh, Sweeney 6-104, F. Harris 2-11, Garrity 2-24, Hawthorne 1-22, Cunningham 2-12; Baltimore, Sherwin 2-27, Dickey 4-45, Bouza 3-34, Oatis 1-25, T. Porter 3-41, Butler 1-29, McMillan 1-9.
Kickoff Returns—Pittsburgh, T. Harris 2-39, Odom 2-41; Baltimore, R. Porter 1-12, K. Williams 4-104.
Punt Returns—Pittsburgh, Skansi 2-15; Baltimore, K. Williams 4-23.
Interceptions—Pittsburgh, Woods 1-0, Shell 1-0; Baltimore, Cooks 1-15.
Punting—Pittsburgh, Colquitt 5-43.2; Baltimore, Stark 4-48.3.
Field Goals—Pittsburgh, Anderson 1-2 (missed: 28); Baltimore, Allegre 2-3 (missed: 46).
Sacks—Pittsburgh, Dunn, Cole; Baltimore, Cooks, Maxwell, Bracem ½, Waechter ½.

Packers-Vikings

NOVEMBER 13

SCORE BY PERIODS

Green Bay	10	9	3	7-29
Minnesota	0	0	14	7-21

SCORING

Green Bay—Field goal Stenerud 46, 7:28 1st.
Green Bay—Meade 1 run (Stenerud kick), 12:56 1st.
Green Bay—Jefferson 5 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick), 3:44 2nd.
Green Bay—Safety, Boyd tackled Dils in end zone, 12:02 2nd.
Minnesota—Young 1 run (Ricardo kick), 2:40 3rd.
Green Bay—Field goal Stenerud 40, 7:41 3rd.
Minnesota—Young 4 run (Ricardo kick), 12:40 3rd.
Minnesota—Galbreath 4 run (Ricardo kick), 3:42 4th.
Green Bay—Lofton 19 pass from Dickey (Stenerud kick), 12:48 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Green Bay	Minnesota
First downs	20	23
Rushes-Yards	42-163	26-158
Passing yards	180	259
Sacked-Yards lost	0-0	6-44
Return yards	135	137
Passes	13-27-1	21-37-1
Punts	5-46.2	3-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	7-2
Penalties-Yards	7-60	6-69
Time of possession	30:52	29:08
Attendance	60,113	No Shows—2,029

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Green Bay, Ellis 14-26, Meade 11-39, Clark 10-79, Huckleby 5-17, Dickey 2-2; Minnesota, Nelson 16-119, Galbreath 5-27, Young 5-12.
Passing—Green Bay, Dickey 13-27-1-180; Minnesota, Dils 21-37-1-303.
Receiving—Green Bay, Lofton 2-28, Jefferson 5-60, Clark 3-51, Epps 2-39, Ellis 1-2; Minnesota, Nelson 7-137, McCullum 3-31, Galbreath 3-23, S. White 2-33, Casper 1-15, Bruer 1-5, Lewis 1-13, Jordan 2-34, Young 1-12.
Kickoff Returns—Green Bay, Huckleby 2-46, Gray 2-40, Lee 1-10; Minnesota, Redwine 5-100, Nelson 1-22.
Punt Returns—Green Bay, Epps 2-34; Minnesota, Bess 2-15.
Interceptions—Green Bay, Anderson 1-5; Minnesota, Browner 1-0.
Punting—Green Bay, Scribner 5-46.2; Minnesota, Coleman 3-43.3.
Field Goals—Green Bay, Stenerud 2-2; Minnesota, Ricardo 0-1 (missed: 31).
Sacks—Green Bay, Braggs 2, Anderson, Douglas, C. Johnson, Boyd.

Eagles-Bears

NOVEMBER 13

SCORE BY PERIODS

Philadelphia	7	0	7	0-14
Chicago	0	14	0	3-17

SCORING

Philadelphia—Quick 47 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick), 7:36 1st.
Chicago—McKinnon 43 pass from McMahon (B. Thomas kick), 0:10 2nd.
Chicago—Moorehead 2 pass from McMahon (B. Thomas kick), 14:50 2nd.
Philadelphia—Woodruff 5 pass from Jaworski (Franklin kick), 8:33 3rd.
Chicago—Field goal B. Thomas 22, 2:36 4th.

TEAM STATISTICS

	Philadelphia	Chicago
First downs	14	19
Rushes-Yards	32-120	42-223
Passing yards	143	112
Sacked-Yards lost	1-7	4-28
Return yards	60	58
Passes	12-21-1	10-20-0
Punts	5-35.8	5-29.2
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-Yards	9-64	4-25
Time of possession	28:36	31:24
Attendance	47,524	No Shows—18,269

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing—Philadelphia, M. Williams 9-27, Oliver 7-32, Jaworski 4-27, Haddix 9-29, Everett 3-5; Chicago, Payton 23-131, Suhay 13-36, McMahon 5-43, Evans 1-13.
Passing—Philadelphia, Jaworski 12-21-1-150; Chicago, McMahon 10-17-0-140, Evans 0-3-0-0.
Receiving—Philadelphia, Kab 4-35, Oliver 1-4, Quick 5-98, Woodruff 2-13; Chicago, Dunsmore 1-8, Payton 2-14, Suhay 2-19, McKinnon 2-64, Gault 1-22, Moorehead 2-13.
Kickoff Returns—Philadelphia, Everett 2-30, Ellis 1-15, Fritzsche 1-2; Chicago, Hutchison 1-19, Baschnagel 1-19.
Punt Returns—Philadelphia, Sciarrà 3-13; Chicago, McKinnon 2-6.
Interceptions—Chicago, Frazier 1-14.
Punting—Philadelphia, Runager 5-35.8; Chicago, Parsons 5-29.2.
Field Goals—Philadelphia, none attempted; Chicago, B. Thomas 1-1.
Sacks—Philadelphia, Harrison 3, Hopkins; Chicago, McMichael.

NFL STATISTICS

Through games of November 13

*Indicates November 14 participant

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PASSING

(Minimum of 132 Attempts)

	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Points
Fouts, San Diego	241	150	62.2	2205	9.15	14	5.8	11	4.6	92.4
Marino, Miami	220	124	56.4	1558	7.08	15	6.8	5	2.3	91.8
Grogan, New England	283	159	56.2	2337	8.26	15	5.3	9	3.2	87.7
Anderson, Cincinnati	187	128	68.4	1434	7.67	7	3.7	9	4.8	83.5
DeBerg, Denver	215	119	55.3	1617	7.52	9	4.2	7	3.3	79.9
Ferguson, Buffalo	375	215	57.3	2295	6.12	22	5.9	14	3.7	79.4
Sipe, Cleveland	348	208	59.8	2529	7.27	18	5.2	18	5.2	77.9
Plunkett, Los Angeles	226	133	58.8	1703	7.54	11	4.9	13	5.8	74.8
Kennedy, Kansas City	417	238	57.1	2822	6.77	12	2.9	13	3.1	74.4
Todd, New York	368	221	60.1	2461	6.69	13	3.5	17	4.6	72.5
Stoudt, Pittsburgh	271	152	56.1	2037	7.52	8	3.0	13	4.8	70.0
Pagel, Baltimore	238	117	49.2	1725	7.25	8	3.4	11	4.6	65.2
Zorn, Seattle	205	103	50.2	1166	5.69	7	3.4	7	3.4	64.8
Nielsen, Houston	175	90	51.4	1122	6.41	5	2.9	8	4.6	62.1
Luther, San Diego	171	91	53.2	1088	6.36	4	2.3	12	7.0	51.5

SCORING—TOUCHDOWNS

	Tot.	Rush.	Pass.	Ret.	Pts.
Warner, Seattle	10	9	1	0	60
Collins, New England	9	9	0	0	54
Cribbs, Buffalo	9	2	7	0	54
Largent, Seattle	9	0	9	0	54
Muncie, San Diego	9	9	0	0	54
Campbell, Houston	8	8	0	0	48
Christensen, Los Angeles	8	0	8	0	48
Abercrombie, Pittsburgh	7	4	3	0	42
Allen, Los Angeles	7	5	1	1	42
Dickey, Baltimore	7	4	3	0	42
Johnson, Cincinnati	7	7	0	0	42

SCORING—KICKING

	XP-XPA	FG-FGA	Pts.
Anderson, Pittsburgh	29-30	22-26	95
Allegre, Baltimore	17-18	21-25	80
Lowery, Kansas City	24-24	18-22	78
Bahr, Los Angeles	33-35	13-18	72
N. Johnson, Seattle	34-34	12-17	70
Benirschke, San Diego	29-31	11-19	62
von Schamann, Miami	25-27	12-19	61
Bahr, Cleveland	24-25	12-15	60
Karlis, Denver	21-22	13-17	60
Brecht, Cincinnati	26-28	11-14	59

PUNT RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Pruitt, Los Angeles	41	506	12.3	1
Johns, Seattle	19	228	12.0	1
Thomas, Denver	28	298	10.6	1
R. Smith, New England	28	296	10.6	0
Martin, Cincinnati	23	227	9.9	0
Harmon, New York	12	109	9.1	0
Skansi, Pittsburgh	32	281	8.8	0
Clayton, Miami	31	271	8.7	0
Roaches, Houston	14	121	8.6	0
R. Porter, Baltimore	14	104	7.4	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.
Brown, New York	12	338	28.2	0
K. Williams, Baltimore	15	381	25.4	0
Walker, Miami	27	672	24.9	0
Springs, New York	13	308	23.7	0
V. Williams, Buffalo	15	355	23.7	0
Laird, San Diego	14	326	23.3	0
S. Brown, Houston	23	521	22.7	0
Montgomery, Los Angeles	12	270	22.5	0
Thomas, Denver	15	330	22.0	0
R. Smith, New England	28	615	22.0	0

TEAM STATISTICS

For rushing and passing, figure is average per game; for punt and kickoff returns, figure is average per return, and for sacks and turnovers, figure is season total. Figure in bold is conference-leading total.

	Rushing		Passing		Yds./Play		K/O Return		Punt Return		Sacks By Vs.	Turnovers Opp. Own		
	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.	Off.	Def.				
Baltimore	170.5	138.0	155.9	209.1	5.1	5.3	19.9	18.5	7.5	11.5	30	31	28	22
Buffalo	113.8	159.5	199.8	204.9	4.7	5.6	23.1	18.7	6.0	10.4	23	26	22	20
Cincinnati	120.2	89.0	197.5	196.1	5.1	4.6	19.3	19.1	10.2	6.9	29	31	23	23
Cleveland	117.7	122.5	242.5	204.0	5.2	5.2	20.3	18.2	6.2	11.8	16	26	22	29
Denver	113.7	123.6	183.2	210.8	4.5	5.0	20.6	18.2	10.6	10.3	27	44	32	27
Houston	129.1	178.1	182.9	184.0	4.8	5.5	19.6	19.1	8.6	7.8	25	36	21	35
Kansas City	73.2	129.2	244.4	183.2	4.8	4.6	16.8	21.3	6.1	8.4	28	36	36	27
Los Angeles	138.3	104.9	204.8	188.1	5.0	4.5	18.8	18.7	12.3	10.7	39	46	23	39
Miami	127.6	134.1	181.9	188.3	4.7	5.1	22.4	19.9	10.2	7.0	33	19	30	20
New England	178.4	141.3	200.9	214.4	6.0	5.1	20.1	17.8	9.6	8.3	27	28	23	24
New York	146.4	132.6	212.2	200.3	5.2	5.1	22.0	22.4	8.6	8.8	29	32	25	31
Pittsburgh	173.9	103.5	166.2	182.9	4.9	4.7	18.5	23.7	8.5	6.7	42	32	36	29
San Diego	100.4	135.4	294.5	232.1	6.0	5.0	18.5	20.2	6.0	8.1	19	14	22	29
Seattle	135.5	140.5	166.3	237.0	4.7	5.6	20.6	17.4	11.1	4.7	35	20	40	29

Yale Alums Unhappy

The 1983 football season has been the worst in Yale's history. The Elis didn't get their first victory of the campaign—a 28-21 upset of Princeton—until they had played nine games. That result pulled Yale out of undisputed possession of last place in the Ivy League and into a tie for the cellar with the toothless Lions of Columbia, a team whose only win of the season came against Yale. This state of affairs has made some Yale alumni extremely unhappy, and they're directing their ire at Athletic Director Frank Ryan and university President A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Jon Stein, writing in the New Haven Register, quoted 1955 Yale captain Phil Tarasovic as saying, "Ryan and Giamatti are destroying the program."

The fall of Yale football stems from a deliberate policy of deemphasis, instituted by Giamatti, with Ryan serving as the ramrod. This deemphasis includes restrictions on recruiting and short-circuiting of various support entities such as training facilities and housing for preseason practice. The general withholding of funds on at least one occasion reached the point of lunacy. That was during a two-week period this past September when there was no soap in the showers for the Yale football players.

Ryan and Giamatti have their supporters on campus. These are people who believe that Yale's current official approach to football is correct and should be a model for the other Ivy League colleges. They also claim that the academic standards of Yale and Harvard are higher than the other Ivy League schools and this is a factor in recruiting. That claim is challenged by the other schools. That the other league members have a philosophical disagreement with Yale is seen in that they aggressively are pursuing good student-athletes in an effort to field respectable football teams.

As adjuncts to the fall of Yale football, attendance has been dwindling (Yale is averaging about 10,000 less per game than it did two years ago) and the school is being rapped in the media.

Nobody is blaming Coach Carmen Cozza for the decline in Yale's football fortunes. Given the opportunity to compete on an equal basis with the other schools in the Ivy League, Cozza will more than hold his own. He's proven that.

Cozza, incidentally, has nothing to say about Ryan but is known to be cool toward him.

A considerable segment of Yale alumni feels that football holds a special place in the Yale scheme of things. This viewpoint is best expressed by Bill Stack, captain of the 1939 team and president of the Football Y Association. He says, "Football is an important rallying point for alumni. It's one of the first perceptions that many people have of any university. It's important to Yale to be a leader in the Ivy League. Yale is the cradle of American football."

Meanwhile, the situation is such that Alva Kelley, former



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head coach at Colgate and Brown and father of Yale defensive coordinator Dave Kelley, made the following statement after Yale was drubbed, 41-7, by a previously winless Cornell team: "I can't believe the quality of Yale football could deteriorate so fast in two years' time. It surely has. To collapse like this makes you want to cry. I just can't believe it. The Yale spirit is too much to let this happen."

Tarasovic probably summed everything up most succinctly when he said, "I wish Giamatti were a football fan."

As a footnote, it should be noted that Giamatti's name has figured in speculation as a possible successor to Bowie Kuhn as baseball commissioner.

Lombardi Award Nominees

Twelve of the country's top players have been nominated for the 1983 Lombardi (College Lineman of the Year) Award following voting by a blue ribbon national selection committee of college coaches, sportswriters and sportscasters.

The nominees are: defensive tackle Rick Bryan, Oklahoma; offensive guard Doug Dawson, Texas; offensive tackle Bill Fralic, Pittsburgh; defensive tackle William Fuller, North Carolina; tight end Gordon Hudson, Brigham Young; offensive guard Stefan Humphries, Michigan; linebacker Rick Hunley, Arizona; linebacker Wilber Marshall, Florida; linebacker Ron Rivera, California; center Tony Slaton, Southern California; offensive guard Dean Steinkuhler, Nebraska; and defensive tackle Reggie White, Tennessee.

Fralic is a junior, and the rest are seniors.

The group, which eventually will be reduced to four finalists, is now eligible to win the coveted 40-pound block of granite trophy, a memorial to the late Vince Lombardi, who before he became a coach was a member of Fordham's famed line, the Seven Blocks of Granite, back in the 1930s. The trophy will be presented at the 14th annual Lombardi Award Dinner, December 8, in Houston. The dinner is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houston with proceeds benefiting research programs of the American Cancer Society.

Punts and Passes

Louisiana State Director of Athletics Bob Brodhead and former UCLA and Philadelphia Eagles coach Dick Vermeil denied reports that they had been in contact regarding the head-coaching job at LSU. Brodhead, in fact, said he didn't know Vermeil and never had met him. Jerry Stovall has a year remaining on his four-year contract with the Bengal Tigers and said he has not discussed his future with Brodhead. Brodhead, for his part, has said he will evaluate Stovall after the season. It's been a disappointing campaign for the Tigers. After an 8-2-1 regular season in 1982 and a trip to the Orange Bowl, big things were expected for 1983. But when LSU lost to seven-time loser Mississippi State, 45-26, the Tigers were 3-7 and their Southeastern Conference record dropped to 0-6, marking the first time they have gone winless through the SEC schedule. That could be the straw that breaks Stovall's back as LSU coach. . . . John Merritt, who has 231 career victories in 31 years of coaching, will step down from his position at Tennessee State. Merritt, plagued by health problems the past three years, has been coach in name only this season. The active coaching duties have been handled by offensive coordinator Joe Gilliam Sr.

Merritt's decision to formally hand over the reins became public the day after Bob Lee, assistant athletic director at Wisconsin, was named the athletic director at Tennessee State. Lee assumes control at a difficult time. Recently, the Tennessee Board of Regents conducted an audit which revealed 162 violations of NCAA rules in the Tennessee State athletic department.

A spokesman for Bob Hope has confirmed that the entertainer will attend a December 2 dinner at Lincoln, Neb., to honor Nebraska Athletic Director Bob Devaney and football Coach Dr. Tom Osborne for becoming the first successive coaches to win more than 100 football games each at the same school. President Reagan also has been invited, but whether he will accept won't be known until about a week before the event. . . . An NCAA insurance program covering catastrophically injured student-athletes is expected to be ready for the 1984-85 academic year. The NCAA's plan now is being reviewed by the Kansas Department of Insurance, and authorization to market the program may be forthcoming by the end of the year. . . . It was revealed that San Diego State Coach Doug Scovil was given a two-year extension of his contract during the summer. The pact now runs through 1986. . . . Pat Stark, who has been head coach at the University of Rochester (N.Y.) since 1969, announced his retirement to become an administrator in the college's athletic department. Stark's record at Rochester was 69-63-4. Officials said a successor would be named shortly after January 20.

Oklahoma tailback Spencer Tillman, who suffered a neck sprain in the Sooners' loss to Missouri, is reported likely to be ready to play in Oklahoma's November 26 game against Nebraska. . . . Larry Williams, the 6-6, 284-pound junior tackle who has been the keystone of Notre Dame's offensive line, had his season end prematurely when he suffered torn ligaments in his left ankle during the Irish's loss to Pittsburgh. Williams' leg will be in a cast for four weeks. . . . Sandy Schwab, who set several NCAA freshman passing records for Northwestern last year, has been demoted to No. 3 quarterback. Schwab was disciplined by Northwestern Coach Dennis Green for missing the team bus following the Wildcats' loss to Purdue November 5 and did not play in the team's loss to Michigan State the following week. Green said that Schwab's action was "a very serious violation of team rules. He chose not to ride the bus; he didn't miss it. My No. 1 concern is for the team. We don't have a star system at Northwestern."

Stefan Humphries of Michigan, who is in the running for the Outland Trophy and Lombardi Award, has indicated he is undecided about turning pro after his senior year. Humphries said he would consider trying to land a Rhodes Scholarship or consider applying to medical school as an alternative to pro football. He said the United States Football League was not for him as he wished to graduate from Michigan without an interruption in his studies. . . . A brief mutiny at Eastern Illinois University ended after the players met with Coach Al Molde. It seems that team members protested a change in travel plans from airplane to bus for the November 12 game with Western Kentucky. Some players thought they were being punished for losing to Indiana State October 29, but school officials said that the new travel plans saved the school about \$3,000. Some of the players boycotted practice, but returned after the meeting.

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best argument may be its schedule.

"We should definitely be No. 1 based on the 10 games we've had," Gill said after the Huskers beat Iowa State. "They say we don't play anybody, but we've pretty much dominated everybody we've played, and I don't think Texas has. I don't care who you play, you've got to do it each week. Texas is probably close behind. But I've got no doubt in my mind we're the No. 1 team in the nation. We have proof: what we've done to our opponents."

Nebraska, averaging 52.9 points for its first 10 games, had outscored opponents by 37.7 points per game. Texas was averaging 23.9 points and giving up seven. If Texas' schedule is tougher than Nebraska's, it certainly isn't by much.

"They played Auburn, but we played them last year and beat them," Rozier said. "What's the difference? We played Penn State. We played UCLA. All the teams in the Big Eight are tough. I don't know how it's an easy schedule."

Nebraska has received near-unanimous support in the wire service ratings. Texas has been ranked No. 1 by THE SPORTING NEWS and also spent some time atop the New York Times computer ratings.

Both Nebraska and Texas are getting all-out effort from their opponents. "People talk about us being the greatest team of all time," Rozier said. "I figure everybody is out to get us. Plus, everybody is pumping me, Turner

and Irving for the Heisman. Other teams are out to stop us. I think we've got more pressure than Texas has got."

Considering the pressure and the recent history of the polls, Nebraska's staying power on top has been impressive.

Last year, the team in the No. 1 position changed four times before Penn State claimed the national championship. In 1981, seven teams held the No. 1 position.

Nebraska has stayed No. 1 longer than any team since Southern California took the top spot after the first week of the season in 1972 and held it 12 weeks to capture the national championship.

The last team to be rated No. 1 in the pre-season and keep the top spot the whole year was Nebraska's 1971 national championship team.

Auburn's Dye said that to beat Nebraska a team would need an offense that could keep pace with the Cornhuskers and a defense that could force some turnovers.

Nebraska had four turnovers against UCLA and four against Oklahoma State. But the Husker haven't been prone to turnovers. In the four games following Oklahoma State, the offense gave away the ball only twice, while the defense got the ball 11 times on turnovers.

"Some games, we've come up with four or five turnovers, and each time our offense puts it in the end zone," said Nebraska safety Bret Clark. "That's 28 to 35 points right there. I don't think any team in the nation can score that many points against us."

—Texas—

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have been involved in only one real rout.

All that substitution keeps the scores down and, as the Longhorns realize, the voters unimpressed. "The AP and UPI people up East," says Leiding, "are gonna find themselves an offensive powerhouse (to rank No. 1) and stick with it no matter what. They'll go to their graves with teams like that. Nine times out of 10, if you can run up 60 or 70 points several times a year, you can be No. 1."

"You learn to accept the fact that even if you play great defense, you'll always be overshadowed by teams like that. Even if we win a big game 3-0, the writers will always go talk to the field-goal kicker."

"We just won't run the score up," said quarterback Todd Dodge. "As long as I've known Coach Akers he never has."

"But Nebraska seems to keep their people in a long time. I noticed in their rout last week (72-29 over Iowa State), their star running back, (Mike) Rozier, was still in to score a touchdown in the fourth quarter."

"That's just not our style here. Coach Akers just doesn't run the score up on people. I don't think it's that impressive to run the score up anyway."

Akers wants to be No. 1, but not at the expense of changing his beliefs. "We don't try to go out and see how many points we can score," he said. "We just want to score whatever is necessary to win. We play a lot of people throughout. We don't just wait until the last three minutes and put everybody in."

"But I guess that's all the pollsters have to go on. They think what a great team you must have if you have that much point separation. We want to win and win decisively, but we really don't have any desire to run up the score."

"The main thing is," said running back Terry Orr, "we're not going to play anybody we can beat 72-29. Nobody in our conference is that weak."

Which brings us back to the Longhorns' main argument, of course, the strength of schedule.

"I do think we qualify for No. 1 inasmuch as you can name one at this point," says Akers. "I think our schedule is representative of a high ranking. Most of the teams we have beaten were highly ranked, healthy and undefeated when we played them. Not many can say that."

"I don't think that people really bother to examine your schedule, though. But I feel our schedule is of the caliber for a No. 1 team, as well as the strength of our defense and our tremendous kicking game."

Thanks to the bowl tieups and the lack of playoffs, no one, of course, will likely ever know who is No. 1 this year. "I'd rather just pass up our rights to go to the Cotton Bowl," said Leiding, "so we could go somewhere else, like the Orange Bowl."

"But it looks like if things stay the same, Nebraska may take that national championship from us. I hope not though. I'm still praying that Oklahoma (Nebraska's opponent November 26) has one good one left in them."

COLLEGE STATISTICS

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 12

SCORING

	TDs	PAT	FG	Pts.	Avg.
Rozier, Nebraska	28	0	0	168	15.3
Byars, Ohio State	18	0	0	108	10.8
Pinkett, Notre Dame	17	2	0	104	10.4
Zendejas, Arizona State	0	28	21	91	10.1
Louthan, Air Force	15	0	0	90	10.0
Kendall, Kansas	0	37	19	94	9.4
Kallmeyer, Kansas	0	24	21	87	8.7
Bergeron, Michigan	0	27	14	87	8.6
Adams, Central Michigan	14	0	0	84	8.4
Woodside, West Virginia	0	34	16	82	8.2
Tiffin, Alabama	0	37	12	73	8.1
Pratt, California	0	21	20	81	8.1
Jaeger, Washington	0	27	18	81	8.1
Pauling, Clemson	0	35	15	80	8.0
Johnson, Brigham Young	0	45	11	78	7.8
Ocegnera, Long Beach St.	0	20	19	77	7.7
Gunter, Tulsa	14	0	0	84	7.6
Butler, Georgia	0	25	16	73	7.3
Jackson, Auburn	12	0	0	72	7.2
Bond, Miss. State	12	0	0	72	7.2
Allen, Florida State	12	0	0	72	7.2
Johnson, Arizona	12	0	0	72	7.2
Garciano, Penn State	0	31	16	79	7.2

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Plays	Yds.	TDs.	Avg.
Young, Brigham Young	501	4084	35	408.4
Flutie, Boston College	339	2480	16	275.6
McClure, Bowling Green	501	2719	15	271.9
Page, Vanderbilt	501	2709	14	270.9
Bennett, Duke	485	2613	15	261.3
Nugent, Colorado State	485	2846	16	258.7
Cunningham, Nev.-L.V.	394	2552	19	255.2
Archer, Iowa State	472	2507	20	250.7
Cherry, Hawaii	313	1970	19	246.2
Long, Iowa	322	2404	19	240.4
Lewis, Alabama	328	2135	17	237.2
Stevens, Utah	371	2324	21	232.4
Seurer, Kansas	372	2321	13	232.1
Esiason, Maryland	310	2078	16	230.9
Tunnicliffe, Arizona	364	2308	13	230.8
Wickersham, LSU	366	2278	14	227.8
Carlson, San Jose State	302	1787	12	223.4
Harrison, Ohio	483	2231	14	223.1
Pelluer, Washington	367	2225	14	222.5
Gilbert, California	379	2179	11	217.9
Wright, Wisconsin	342	2174	23	217.4
McKay, San Diego St.	373	2160	14	216.0

RUSHING

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.	Yds.PG
Rozier, Nebraska	243	1943	8.0	28	17.6
Faulkner, W. Mich.	355	1509	4.3	7	15.9
McCallum, Navy	301	1405	4.7	9	14.0
Adams, Central Mich.	245	1292	5.3	13	12.9
Pinkett, Notre Dame	225	1197	5.3	15	11.9
Warren, Pacific	274	1275	4.7	12	11.9
Dupard, SMU	165	1004	6.1	6	11.6
Anderson, Baylor	201	999	5.0	9	11.0
Gunter, Tulsa	226	1198	5.3	14	10.9
Bartolo, Colorado St.	264	953	3.7	7	10.5
Allen, Florida State	189	1047	5.5	12	10.4
McIntosh, N.C. St.	202	1041	5.2	5	10.4
Denson, Wichita St.	163	1017	6.2	9	10.1
Richardson, N. Ill.	212	1017	4.8	8	10.1
Byars, Ohio State	181	1011	5.6	17	10.1
Horton, N. Carolina	180	1000	5.6	8	10.0

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNERS

	Rush	Rec.	PR
McCallum, Navy	1405	166	272
Rozier, Nebraska	1943	106	0
Faulkner, Western Michigan	1509	208	0
Adams, Central Michigan	1292	86	0
Edwards, Northwestern	489	530	0
Sandusky, San Diego St.	15	1012	318
Clack, Arizona State	797	264	92
Akins, Army	672	128	455
Pinkett, Notre Dame	1197	195	0
Byars, Ohio State	1011	319	37
Grayson, Duke	679	575	22
Bartolo, Colorado State	953	228	0
Locklin, New Mexico State	684	260	360
Brennan, Boston College	39	1017	114
Tiunali, Brigham Young	762	506	0
Lipps, Southern Mississippi	72	764	422
Grantham, Duke	546	259	442
Johnson, San Jose State	849	256	13
Story, Bowling Green	690	195	356
McIntosh, North Carolina State	1041	188	0
Warren, Pacific	1275	69	0
Montgomery, Long Beach	841	357	21
Anderson, Baylor	999	87	0

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.	Yds.PG
Clack, Arizona State	148	797	5.4	7	99.6
Jordan, Houston	143	880	6.2	4	97.8
Jones, Oklahoma St.	134	873	4.5	6	97.0
Jackson, Auburn	138	957	6.9	10	95.7
Johnson, Oklahoma	125	860	6.9	8	95.6
Johnson, San J. St.	193	849	4.4	2	94.3
Atkins, SMU	121	820	6.8	6	91.1
Dozier, Penn State	163	992	6.1	6	90.2
Jones, Tennessee	130	718	5.5	3	89.7
Lewis, Utah	101	708	7.0	9	88.5

RECEIVING

	No.	Yds.	TDs.	PG
Edwards, Vanderbilt	90	837	0	9.0
Henderson, Iowa State	79	1034	8	7.9
Edwards, Northwestern	77	530	0	7.7
Scott, Vanderbilt	66	924	9	6.6
Washington, Ohio	66	839	5	6.6
Brennan, Boston College	57	1017	8	6.3
Mitello, Duke	63	682	3	6.3
Grayson, Duke	63	575	2	6.3
Dowdell, Bowling Green	62	620	3	6.2
Leuck, Ball State	67	667	4	6.1
Jacobs, Iowa State	60	558	3	6.0
Naumcheff, Ball State	65	1065	6	5.9
McGregor, Colorado State	65	676	2	5.9
Sandusky, San Diego State	59	1012	5	5.9
Willis, Fresno State	57	919	6	5.7
Tolliver, Stanford	57	634	3	5.7
Hunter, Bowling Green	56	986	6	5.6
Hudson, Brigham Young	44	596	6	5.5
Brewster, Illinois	54	595	0	5.4
Tiunali, Brigham Young	53	506	2	5.3
McNeil, Baylor	52	895	7	5.2
Williams, Illinois	52	739	5	5.2
Champlin, Colorado State	57	927	7	5.2
Lebel, Colorado State	36	694	0	5.1

TEAM LEADERS

SCORING OFFENSE

	G.	Pts.	Avg.
Nebraska	11	596	54.2
Brigham Young	10	429	42.9
Ohio State	10	361	36.1
Florida State	10	339	33.9
Alabama	9	305	33.9
Arizona	10	336	33.6
Air Force	9	297	33.0
Wisconsin	10	327	32.7
Michigan	10	324	32.4
Clemson	10	316	31.6

RUSHING OFFENSE

	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TDs.	Yds.PG
Nebraska	667	4454	6.7	62	404.9
Air Force	513	3015	5.9	36	335.0
Auburn	541	2876	5.3	26	287.6
Michigan	560	2834	5.1	27	283.4
Tulsa	598	3052	5.1	28	277.5
Oklahoma	546	2740	5.0	26	274.0
Central Michigan	538	2739	5.1	20	273.9
Virginia Tech	555	2597	4.9	21	269.7
Houston	544	2400	4.4	17	266.7
North Carolina	540	2666	4.9	22	266.6
Wyoming	579	2592	4.5	26	259.2
SMU	481	2331	4.8	17	259.0
Clemson	532	2530	4.8	24	253.0
Wichita State	576	2747	4.8	20	249.7
East Carolina	526	2469	4.7	20	246.9

PASSING EFFICIENCY

	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Yds.	TDs.	Rt.Pts.
Young, Brigham Young	404	284	10	3634	27	163.0
Long, Iowa	237	144	8	2434	14	159.8
Eppley, Clemson	152	93	7	1328	13	153.6
Cunningham, Nevada-Las Vegas	295	177	6	2427	16	142.9
Neuheisel, UCLA	217	150	9	1792	8	142.4
Tomczak, Ohio State	165	95	10	1418	11	139.6
Cherry, Hawaii	207	113	10	1779	13	137.8
Lewis, Alabama	222	135	12	1848	12	137.8
Pelluer, Washington	286	194	7	2070	11	136.4
Hostetler, West Virginia	253	145	7	2019	13	135.8
Stankavage, North Carolina	235	142	6	1660	15	135.7
Turner, Washington State	162	94	4	1278	8	135.6
Hons, Arizona State	262	163	11	2017	13	134.9
Esiason, Maryland	267	148	7	2107	14	133.8
Flutie, Boston College	284	150	12	2349	16	132.4
Murray, Texas A&M	182	103	7	1255	13	130.4
Stevens, Utah	232	129	7	1794	11	130.2
Trudeau, Illinois	300	183	12	2205	14	130.1
Strang, Penn State	236	120	7	1698	17	129.1
Lowrey, Florida State	219	126	9	1640	11	128.8
Kosar, Miami (Fla.)	327	201	13	2329	15	128.5
Nugent, Colorado State	402	255	18	3101	11	128.3
Baumberger, Wyoming	166	96	7	1270	7	127.6

PASSING OFFENSE

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TDs.	Avg.
Brigham Young	429	299	3888	31	388.8
Bowling Green	441	279	3017	14	301.7
Vanderbilt	474	268	2970	13	297.0
Iowa	283	167	2933	19	293.3
Colorado State	413	260	3155	11	286.8
Boston College	323	171	2567	17	285.2
Duke	445	278	2809	15	280.9
California	375	211	2796	12	279.6
Kansas	372	196	2792	14	279.2
Iowa State	381	222	2549	18	254.9
Arizona	346	185	2547	11	254.7
Arizona State	280	173	2271	16	252.3
San Diego State	347	189	2501	13	250.1
Stanford	373	191	2499	13	249.9
San Jose State	333	179	2224	14	247.1

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Att.	Cmp.	Yds.	TDs.	Yds.PG
Brigham Young	792	5883	7.4	57	588.3
Nebraska	843	6136	7.3	80	557.8
Iowa	728	4710	6.5	40	471.0
Florida State	777	4632	6.0	45	463.2
Air Force	621	4095	6.6	38	455.0
Boston College	671	4016	6.0	34	446.2
Alabama	688	3987	5.8	34	443.0
North Carolina	790	4419	5.6	38	441.9
Utah	751	4378	5.8	39	437.8
Arizona State	683	3671	5.7	23	430.1
Ohio State	715	4195	5.9	45	419.5
Notre Dame	736	4192	5.7	34	419.2
Virginia	759	4171	5.5	31	417.1
Washington	765	4137	5.4	28	413.7
Baylor	727	4116	5.7	41	411.6

SCORING DEFENSE

	G.	Pts.	Avg.
Texas	9	70	7.8
Virginia Tech	10	91	9.1
Miami (Fla.)	11	106	9.6
SMU	9	97	10.8
Pittsburgh	10	113	11.3
Southern Mississippi	10	118	11.8
Georgia	10	125	12.5
Michigan	10	130	13.0
Central Michigan	10	130	13.0
Tennessee	9	118	13.1
Texas A&M	9	119	13.2
Toledo	10	133	13.3
Florida	10	136	13.6
Notre Dame	10	136	13.6
Oklahoma State	10	141	14.1

Whale of a Story

When you're on a pretty decent sports team, you really don't mind once in awhile if a fan recognizes you and interrupts a meal to have you sign an autograph. In fact, that kind of attention would tickle anyone's fancy a little. But if you are on the other end of the stick, playing on a perennial loser, maybe going unnoticed has its advantages.



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Mark Johnson is captain of the Hartford Whalers. He is the same Mark Johnson who, along with 20 other young U.S. hockey players, touched the hearts of millions when they won the gold medal at Lake Placid in the 1980 Olympics. Mark has not found professional hockey quite as rewarding. He played in Pittsburgh and Minnesota before joining the Whalers, a team that won only 19 times in 80 games last season.

"Most nights we were ashamed to come out of the locker room," Johnson recently said of last season's Whalers. "We'd go straight home after games because we didn't want to be seen in public."

"We wore the same jerseys, but we weren't really a team in a team game. It was difficult to say you were proud to be a Hartford Whaler. The situation at the top (front office) was bad, and little cliques developed within the team. There was a lot of animosity among the players."

It's a little too early to predict great and glorious things from the Hartford Whalers this season, even if they had an 8-7-1 record following an impressive 6-1 victory over Chicago November 12 and were among the league's stingiest teams, having cut their goals-against down 15 goals already this season through a like number of games. They are no longer one of the league's doormats.

Johnson says the new management, headed by President and General Manager Emile Francis and Coach Jack Evans, has added stability to the front office and given each player a role to perform in order to give the Whalers a team concept they didn't have in the past.

"We weren't what you'd call an organized organization last year, going through three coaches (Larry Kish, Larry Pleau and John Cuniff)," said Johnson. "This season Coach (Jack) Evans has concentrated on keeping our goals against down (from a league-high 403 last season). If you don't have a team of superstars, it's a must to tighten up defensively if you hope to move up in the standings."

Johnson knows that the Whalers would have to ride the wave of another storybook finish if Hartford is to make the playoffs over the likes of the Boston Bruins, Buffalo Sabres, Montreal Canadiens and Quebec Nordiques. But then it happened once, didn't it?

Three On a Seesaw?

For only the third time in history, the New York Islanders started the regular season with three goaltenders on their roster. Some think that was the main reason why the Islanders struggled in the early going.

In 1972-73, the Isles began the season with Gerry Desjardins, Denis DeJordy and Billy Smith. DeJordy eventually was traded. In 1980, they started with Smith, Chico Resch and Roland Melanson. Exit Chico. This year, it's Smith, Melanson and Kelly Hrudey.

"I wasn't kidding when I said at the start that when you use three goalies, you wind up ruining two of them," Smith said following a 3-2 loss to the Rangers a couple of weeks back. "We haven't had decent goaltending yet. I let in two bad goals tonight. You can't be sharp when you play only once a week."

Apparently Smith's remarks made sense to Islanders Coach Al Arbour, who discarded the three-goalie rotation after a four-game losing streak. The Islanders quickly won seven games in

WHERE THEY PLAY

November 17—Toronto at Boston, Quebec at Hartford, Detroit at Montreal, New Jersey at Calgary, Minnesota at Philadelphia.

November 18—Buffalo at Edmonton, N.Y. Islanders at Washington, Los Angeles at Vancouver.

November 19—N.Y. Rangers at Boston, Hartford at Quebec, Buffalo at Calgary, Chicago at Montreal, Washington at N.Y. Islanders, New Jersey at Edmonton, St. Louis at Pittsburgh, Detroit at Toronto, Winnipeg at Minnesota.

November 20—Quebec at N.Y. Rangers, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, Minnesota at Chicago, Los Angeles at Vancouver.

November 21—Winnipeg at Edmonton, Los Angeles at Calgary.

November 22—Boston at Montreal, Quebec at N.Y. Islanders, Toronto at St. Louis.

November 23—Montreal at Hartford, Buffalo at N.Y. Rangers, N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, New Jersey at Pittsburgh, Chicago at Washington, Toronto at Minnesota, St. Louis at Detroit, Vancouver at Winnipeg, Edmonton at Los Angeles.

November 24—Quebec at Boston, Winnipeg at Calgary.

November 25—Chicago at Buffalo, N.Y. Rangers at Washington, Pittsburgh at Detroit, Edmonton at Minnesota.

November 26—New Jersey at Boston (D), N.Y. Rangers at Hartford, Buffalo at Quebec, Washington at Montreal, Chicago at N.Y. Islanders, Philadelphia at Vancouver, Detroit at Pittsburgh, Minnesota at Toronto, Edmonton at St. Louis, Calgary at Los Angeles.

succession, including Smith's 17th career shutout—a 4-0 triumph over Buffalo November 5.

However, Islanders General Manager Bill Torrey sees things a bit differently.

"Carrying three goalies isn't a burden to Al," he said. "It's a slight inconvenience. Kelly is a great prospect (after two outstanding seasons at Indianapolis of the Central Hockey League), but he hasn't proven anything up here yet. And I'm going to take a long look at all three before I make a (trade) decision that is that important."

Hotline Hearsay

After he was fired as coach of the Winnipeg Jets, Tom Watt told Reyn Davis of the Winnipeg Free Press: "I haven't had any input into the lineups since training camp began. He (General Manager John Ferguson) calls the shots. He tells me who to use. I just coach the club. All player decisions are his."

Ferguson said, "I didn't plan on going behind the bench. Firing coaches is not my bag. I'm fond of Tom Watt. But the bottom line is 4-9-2. We are a better club than that."

Watt, who guided the Jets to a 33-33-14 record and was coach of the year in 1981-82, had an overall mark of 70-81-24 in his two-plus seasons behind the Winnipeg bench. Watt was earning \$80,000 in the second year of a four-year contract. He reportedly would have received \$100,000 next season and \$120,000 in the final season.

The Jets won two of their first three decisions under Ferguson, including a 3-2 triumph over the Philadelphia Flyers November 13. It was only their second home victory in nine starts this season.

We are already six weeks into season, and the Chicago Black Hawks and St. Louis Blues each are still looking for their first victory on the road. The Black Hawks were 0-7 following a November 12 loss at Hartford, while the Blues were 0-7-1 after a tie and a loss in back-to-back games at Los Angeles and another setback at Minnesota. . . . An even more puzzling record is the 0-8 start for the Pittsburgh Penguins on home ice. "We have very small crowds and angry fans," Penguins goaltender Michel Dion said. "It's hard playing under those conditions." The same Penguins, who had been so woeful at home, were 5-3-1 on the road, including a 4-2 decision over the Islanders at Nassau Coliseum November 12.

Edmonton's Dave Semenko thinks he needs a change of face if he is to survive in the National Hockey League, especially if the referees continue to keep such a close eye on him. "I think I need plastic surgery and a different number, something so they don't know who I am," Semenko said. Semenko has been given four suspensions in the past several years resulting from game misconduct penalties.

For some time now players have grumbled about the temper tantrums that Chicago Coach Orval Tessier has thrown and the constant finger-pointing that he does in postgame scenarios to the media. But the Black Hawks were winning, so the players took Tessier's criticism for what it was worth. Things were different November 7.

Right wing Tim Higgins and defenseman Greg Fox blasted their coach for promising a major shakeup and then producing five players from the minors who played only sparingly.

"It's ridiculous," Higgins told Neil Milbert of the Chicago Tribune. "But I don't want to portray my situation (leading plus-minus player on the Black Hawks being benched) and make it appear like he's only on me. If it was just me, then we'd still be playing the way we did last year, when we had 104 points."

"It's not just me. And because things aren't going well, instead of looking himself in the mirror and going with the guys who got him those 104 points, he's looking for alibis. He's panicking," Tessier said the outburst didn't deserve a reply. . . . One game later, it turned out that the recalls were warranted when veteran left wing Curt Fraser was lost to the club for at least 10 weeks with ligament damage in his left knee.

Boston goalie Pete Peeters is expected back shortly after suffering a concussion in a November 3 game against St. Louis when he hit his head on the crossbar during a collision between two other players in the goal crease. The Bruins' backup goalies, Doug Keans and Mike Moffat, have been terrific all season. Keans had a 5-1-1 record while Moffat won his only start against Washington November 13.

Where Do They Come From?

Until recently, the Montreal Canadiens, for instance, never scouted U.S. high schools with any regularity. However, with the great influx of high school kids being chosen in the league's annual entry draft, everybody is being made more aware that Canada isn't the only country where good hockey is played.

A recent study by the NHL office showed that 79.2 percent of the 482 players on opening-day rosters are from Canada, but that is a decline from the 81.9 percent superiority they held just one year ago.

There were 392 Canadians on opening-day rosters. U.S. born players numbered 49, while other foreign soils produced another 48 (including 26 from Sweden, 10 from Czechoslovakia, eight from Finland and one each from France, Switzerland, West Germany and Yugoslavia).

Among the Canadians, more than a 50 percent majority (or 192 players) were born in the province of Ontario. Minnesota led the U.S. producers with 17. Massachusetts had 10, Michigan five, New York four, three each from Illinois and Ohio and one

each from Iowa, New Jersey, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Colorado, California and Oregon.

European players, once a league novelty, have become so commonplace that only Boston, Chicago, Minnesota and Pittsburgh did not have one on their roster. The New York Rangers had six European-born players on their roster.

Gretzky Ahead of Record Pace

Earlier this season, Detroit goaltender Eddie Mio thought his old pal, Wayne Gretzky, might be picking on him when No. 99 poured in two goals and three assists in an Edmonton rout of the Red Wings. Since Gretzky's younger brother, Keith, rooms with Mio's parents while playing for the Windsor Spitfires in the Ontario Hockey League, he joked that he might have to raise Keith's rent if Wayne didn't treat him a little better.

Well, the next time the Oilers played the Red Wings, Gretzky wasn't any more hospitable, but Mio wasn't complaining because the three goals and two assists No. 99 got in a 7-3 decision November 12 came against the other Detroit goalie, Greg Stefan.

The whole scenario, of course, was a laughing matter for Mio and Gretzky, who played on the Indianapolis Racers of the old World Hockey Association and went to Edmonton in the same trade in 1978. And Gretzky, as we all know, spares no goaltender, friend or foe. In fact, after 19 games this season, Gretzky is ahead of the pace he set in 1981-82 (24 goals and 30 assists through November 13 compared to 19 goals and 22 assists) when he amassed a record 92 goals and 210 points.

Edmonton goalie Grant Fuhr was another of the league's hottest properties. The 21-year-old netminder was unbeaten in his first 10 starts this season (9-0-1) until Chicago stopped him, 5-3, November 13. That loss also ended the Oilers' eight-game winning streak. Their record is now 15-3-1. . . . The Red Wings drew 20,088 (third-largest crowd in their history) to see Edmonton November 12. . . . Buffalo's Gil Perreault celebrated his 33rd birthday in style November 13, pouring in three goals for his 16th career hat trick. He also moved into 13th place on the all-time scoring listing, passing Frank Mahovlich's 1,105 total. Perreault wasn't the only Sabre with a hat trick in that 11-2 trouncing of Calgary. Mike Foligno notched his sixth career hat trick and second in a Buffalo uniform. . . . Minnesota's Dino Ciccarelli connected for his second hat trick in three games in a 5-3 verdict over Detroit November 9. That output gave Disco Dino 10 goals during a four-game span. . . . Bryan Trottier of the Islanders had the only other hat trick of the week in a 6-5 win over Pittsburgh November 11. . . . Montreal goalie Rick Wamsley went from one extreme to another when he shut out Chicago, 3-0, November 9. Wamsley had been driven from the nets in the second period of a 10-4 shellacking just four days earlier. . . . The Canadiens used to dominate their West Coast rivals more than anyone else. But to show you how times have changed, Los Angeles knocked off Les Habitants, 6-4, November 12, and then Vancouver claimed a 4-2 victory one night later. The win was only the second at home for the Canucks against Montreal since they came into the NHL in 1970. And the losses dropped the once mighty Canadiens to 7-10, their worst start since 1941-42. . . . And a sign that some things never change: Dave Taylor of the Los Angeles Kings, who missed the first 16 games this season recuperating from a broken wrist, returned to the lineup November 10 and scored two goals to lead the Kings to a 6-2 triumph over St. Louis. It was the same wrist Taylor had broken last season, causing him to miss 33 games.

HOW THEY STAND

THROUGH GAMES OF NOVEMBER 13

WALE CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	12	5	2	26	83	64
Philadelphia	11	7	1	23	78	63
N.Y. Islanders	11	7	0	22	78	63
Washington	8	10	0	16	59	71
Pittsburgh	5	11	2	12	53	71
New Jersey	2	15	0	4	46	78

ADAMS DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	12	4	1	25	86	51
Buffalo	9	6	3	21	68	62
Quebec	9	8	2	20	98	73
Hartford	8	7	1	17	59	61
Montreal	7	10	0	14	71	72

CAMPBELL CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	9	9	0	18	70	75
Toronto	7	9	2	16	77	88
Minnesota	7	8	1	15	71	81
St. Louis	7	9	1	15	62	73
Detroit	6	8	2	14	60	70

SMYTHE DIVISION

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	15	3	1	31	112	79
Vancouver	8	9	1	17	79	81
Calgary	7	8	3	17	62	73
Los Angeles	5	8	5	15	75	80
Winnipeg	6	10	2	14	68	86

Games of Tuesday, Nov. 8

Hartford 6, Minnesota 4.
Edmonton 7, Quebec 4.
N.Y. Rangers 5, New Jersey 1.
Calgary 4, Pittsburgh 4 (ot).
N.Y. Islanders 4, Philadelphia 1.
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 5 (ot).

Games of Wednesday, Nov. 9

Buffalo 3, Boston 1.
N.Y. Islanders 4, Calgary 3.
Edmonton 6, Washington 4.
Minnesota 5, Detroit 3.
Toronto 2, New Jersey 1.
Montreal 3, Chicago 0.
Winnipeg 7, Vancouver 2.

Game of Thursday, Nov. 10

Los Angeles 6, St. Louis 2.

Games of Friday, Nov. 11

N.Y. Islanders 6, Pittsburgh 5.

Buffalo 3, Toronto 1.
Vancouver 4, Winnipeg 2.

Games of Saturday, Nov. 12

Calgary 4, New Jersey 3 (ot).
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 2.
Minnesota 6, Quebec 4.
Hartford 6, Chicago 1.
Washington 7, N.Y. Rangers 6.
Edmonton 7, Detroit 3.
Philadelphia 5, Toronto 3.
Minnesota 5, St. Louis 2.
Los Angeles 6, Montreal 4.

Games of Sunday, Nov. 13

Boston 4, Washington 2.
Buffalo 11, Calgary 2.
N.Y. Rangers 6, Detroit 3.
Chicago 5, Edmonton 3.
Winnipeg 3, Philadelphia 2.
Vancouver 4, Montreal 3.

Last-Place Habs? The Mighty Have Fallen

NEW YORK—Imagine how it looks to Maurice (the Rocket) Richard and to his younger brother, Henri (the Pocket Rocket), and all those other heroes of the rouge, blanc and bleu. It must seem as if the standings had been turned upside down. And down at the bottom in the Adams Division were the once-mighty Montreal Canadiens. Talk about a descent from the throne.

NHL WALES

By
PAT CALABRIA

No question, Les Habitants have had their problems the last few years. They have been dismissed in the first round of the Stanley Cup playoffs the last three seasons and haven't advanced past the quarterfinals since winning the last of four straight Stanley Cup championships in 1979. Still, to see the Habs occupying last place, even early in the season, and trying to fight off the lowly Hartford Whalers, well, old Sam Pollock must be stewing.

Recently, a victory over the cooperative Whalers snapped a four-game losing streak and hurtled the Canadiens all the way to fourth place, but Coach Bob Berry believed that a climb had just started. "I hope so," he said.

The acquisition of center Bobby Smith from the Minnesota North Stars gave Berry that hope. Although the trade cost the Canadiens dearly—Keith Acton and Mark Napier, two solid front-line players—it seemed that Montreal's high command had no choice but to make a deal. Serge Savard, the Habs' new general manager, watched the club flounder and Ronald Corey, the new club president, had observed the Forum faithful booing even the saintly Guy Lafleur.

Shortly after moving into the Montreal front office, Savard had vowed: "We won't be sitting still." He has been true to his word. But it says something that the Canadiens, once the NHL's surest and most stable organization, have had to engineer two blockbuster trades in two years. And they're still recovering from the effects of the last one.

The team gave up four goals or more in all but one of the games in the four-game losing streak this season. Remember,



Serge Savard . . . Let's make a deal.

the Canadiens surrendered Brian Engblom and Rod Langway in return for classy forward Ryan Walter in last season's deal with Washington, and Langway went on to win the Norris Trophy as the league's top defenseman.

While not especially bitter, Langway did announce as he accepted the award: "I would especially like to thank Irving Grundman (ex-Montreal G.M.) because without his trading me, winning this award would never have been possible."

But there have been other mistakes and problems. The Canadiens surrendered Dan Daoust to Toronto, and he was named to last season's all-rookie team. This season, the Habs lost Ric Nattress, who was suspended on a drug charge. And Berry, searching for something to motivate the team, benched Lafleur for two periods of one game.

To that scenario add Smith, who once seemed destined to become an automatic 100-point scorer with the North Stars, a milestone he reached only in 1981-82, when he logged 114. Last season, however, Smith's total plunged to 77 points. Yet he commanded a high price on the marketplace, and it was a deal the Canadiens could not afford to pass up.

Of course, Smith said: "I'm happy to be here." And he immediately made the Canadiens happy. He began a rally that launched Montreal's come-from-behind win over rival Quebec

that inched the Canadiens ahead of the Whalers.

Yet, there's a long way to go. Montreal finished second to the Boston Bruins in the Adams Division last season, but Buffalo seems vastly improved and Quebec is off to one of its best starts ever. Corey, who has made his mark on the business side of the Canadiens' operation, has tried to preserve fan interest by allowing spectators to take beer back to their seats after making purchases at the concession stands—a practice that had been long forbidden. Maybe that's helped keep the fans from fleeing en masse, but any number of rumors abound and they have had their effect. Center Doug Wickenheiser has been headed to a new destination, seemingly every day. Even that old rumor about Lafleur being available has cropped up again. Imagine the Canadiens without Lafleur. The legendary Frank Selke, general manager when Maurice Richard helped the Canadiens win five straight Stanley Cups (1956-60), wouldn't care for it one bit.

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Bill Torrey, general manager of the New York Islanders, lashed out at St. Louis G.M. Ron Caron after reading a Toronto newspaper account that quoted Caron as saying the Islanders were offering Denis Potvin and Butch Goring as trade bait. Torrey was livid, but Potvin had the best response. "How can you believe Caron?" Potvin said. "He's the guy who made all those bad draft picks when he scouted for Montreal." . . . Hartford G.M. Emile Francis wasn't pleased when he discovered a hidden clause in the trade agreement that sent Pierre Larouche from Montreal to Hartford in 1981. Francis, already under fire for allowing Larouche to go to the New York Rangers without compensation, disclosed that not only did the Whalers and Canadiens switch first-round draft choices in 1984, but that Montreal has the option of flip-flopping picks only if it wants to. So even if Montreal finishes ahead of the Whalers, the Canadiens would still have the higher draft pick. . . . The Bruins got a scare when goalie Pete Peeters was knocked unconscious after his head hit the crossbar during a game, but he regained consciousness in the dressing room before being taken to Massachusetts General Hospital for observation. He was expected to be sidelined no more than 10 days. . . . As if things weren't bad enough for the New Jersey Devils, who had a 10-game losing streak, they lost rookie defenseman Ken Daneyko, who suffered a broken leg when his skate caught in a rut during a goalmouth scuffle with Ed Hospodar of Hartford.

Axed Watt May Be Joined By 3 Coaches on Thin Ice

EDMONTON—Firing the coach is an autumn tradition in the National Hockey League. Every owner thinks he has got a Stanley Cup contender in October; only to find it's a pretender in November. Ergo, the coach is dropped.

NHL CAMPBELL

By
JIM MATHESON



The wingers who score more often in singles bars than around the net are safe. Ditto the defensemen who are constantly in a giving mood, and the goalies who can't stop a basketball. The coach is the fall guy for a restless owner, for a G.M. who's trying to save his own rear end, for players whose standard bleat is, "We just couldn't communicate."

Tom Watt became a sacrificial lamb just the other day. He was told to clean out his desk by Winnipeg Jets G.M. John Ferguson. Watt may have company before the month is out. New Jersey's Billy MacMillan is on thin ice with new President Bob Butera, late of the Philadelphia Flyers. You can expect ex-Flyer coach Pat Quinn, who's currently studying law, to leave the classroom for a locker room should MacMillan get axed.

Los Angeles' Don Perry confided before the season started that he wouldn't last until New Year's if the Kings got out of the gate slowly. His power was eroded early when assistant coach Rogie Vachon was given full control of the goalies, which is akin to giving a pitching coach in baseball absolute power to say who's on the mound and when.

Minnesota's Bill Mahoney is shaky, too. The North Stars, a team of limitless potential but poor work habits, continue to struggle. But G.M. Lou Nanne will have to bite the bullet on Mahoney; Nanne already has made too many coaching shuffles.

Watt's dismissal had been rumored for weeks, although you have to wonder why. This is the same guy who accepted the Coach of the Year award at the Stanley Cup luncheon two years ago after lifting the Jets from 32 to 80 points in one season. Was it his fault that three regular forwards—Bengt Lindholm (no goals), Dale Hawerchuk (2) and Morris Lukowich (2) had just four goals among them this season and that

Hawerchuk was sulking? That winger Paul MacLean was already minus 17 with the season barely a month old? Or that a young defense was constantly being overwhelmed?

"I think he got a raw deal," said Edmonton Oiler Coach Glen Sather. Said Oiler assistant coach John Muckler: "Not very good timing—after how hard they worked against us (on November 6). They didn't quit; they were beaten by one guy. Wayne Gretzky. Is that a crime?"

Regardless, Watt was replaced by Ferguson. Why? Because Ferguson seems to want to run the whole show, the way Charlie Finley used to operate with his Oakland A's. Ferguson has good qualities; he's a fiery competitor and he's put together a good organization, from the scouts to the coaching staff. The Jets have drafted well in recent years and the coaches worked long hours. Unfortunately, Ferguson wouldn't let Watt do his job. Fergy is a ranter who's been known to vent his frustration with steady visits to the dressing room.

Watt admitted last summer there had been many differences of opinion between himself and Ferguson. This season, Fergy wanted Hawerchuk to play more, even though he's struggled and doesn't seem to have the stamina of a Gretzky, who can play 35 to 40 minutes nightly.

Ferguson wanted Lukowich in the lineup, though he's a mere shadow of his former reckless self. The idea, apparently, was to showcase Lukowich on the trade market.

Fergy also wanted to go with kids on the blue line, though Jim Kyte isn't ready and should be back in junior.

Watt accepted the dictates rather than fight them as he'd done last season. "There's always the inevitable conflict between a coach and the G.M. in the NHL," said Watt. "There has been friction. There have been some terrible arguments, but I don't think it means Fergy's mad at me."

There wasn't much communication. "The two didn't talk on the bus after the Jets won two games in New York," said a source close to the club.

Watt had heard continual stories of his imminent departure. He knew who'd started them, too—Jets publicist Don Ramsay.

Watt is not the first Coach of the Year to be gassed, of course. It's almost a curse to win the honor as Quinn, Red Berenson, Don Cherry and Bobby Kromm will attest.

Watt will be handsomely paid for not working. He's reportedly being paid \$80,000 this year, \$100,000 next and \$120,000 the following year. He won't get all of it. There was a clause in his contract which said the Jets would pay only 25 percent of the third year if they dismissed him.

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COLLEGE

Real Bulldogs

Perhaps the most controversial news from the early returns of the recruiting wars this year was the University of Georgia living up to its nickname (Bulldogs). Georgia's tenacious coaching staff disregarded oral commitments that two home-grown high school standouts made to out-of-state colleges and wound up signing both players—6-9 Cedric Henderson of Marietta, Ga., and 6-1 Patrick Hamilton of Gainesville, Ga.—to binding letters-of-intent.

You have to admire the Bulldogs' never-say-die attitude, but you also have to question their ethics. Utilizing a tactic designed to relieve recruiting pressure, Henderson and Hamilton verbally committed to Louisville and Auburn, respectively. But that didn't faze the Bulldogs, who continued to pursue them vigorously.

Henderson, considered one of the top three prep forwards in the nation, was the prize catch. "I was surprised," said Charlie Hood, Henderson's coach. "Everybody honored his commitment except Georgia."

Henderson's mother said she wanted her son closer to home, yet Hood doesn't recall her attending one game last season.

Henderson's switch followed a puzzling period in which the marginal student was absent both from school and from his mother's home for several days. He did resurface long enough to telephone Louisville Coach Denny Crum and reaffirm his intention of aligning with the Cardinals.

In the end, however, Crum was burned again by Georgia. The Bulldogs pulled off a similar caper several years ago when they "kidnaped" star guard Vern Fleming from the Cards.

Georgia Coach Hugh Durham's lame excuse for the Bulldogs' motives in Henderson's case was that "we didn't want to give up on him because he promised us a visit."

Here, There and Everywhere

The nation's four most visible independents—Dayton, DePaul, Marquette and Notre Dame—hope to play each other on a home-and-home basis next season and close the 1984-85 campaign with a tournament at the Horizon in Rosemont, Ill. The site of the four-team tourney probably will alternate between the Horizon and either Market Square Arena or the new Hoosierdome in Indianapolis. Marquette is the only school that still has some reservations about the idea, which originally was proposed by Notre Dame Coach Digger Phelps. The Warriors would like Milwaukee to be included among the tourney sites. The event would be a big money-maker as long as the Big Ten remains one of only four Division I conferences that doesn't conduct a postseason tourney.

Outside marksman Ricky Ross, who took a circuitous route to Tulsa, said he would have enrolled at North Carolina out of high school if he had it all to do over again. Ross, a prep All-America from Wichita, started his collegiate career at Kansas and later attended Wichita State and the College of Marin (Calif.). Ross has been shifted from small forward-shooting guard duties at Tulsa to an uncharacteristic point-guard role. Oddly, North Carolina's lone question mark this season is at playmaker. Questions linger concerning Tulsa center Bruce Vanley's effectiveness, but Golden Hurricane Coach Nolan Richardson says Vanley is close to getting his act together although the 6-10 center reported to workouts about 35 pounds overweight.

Evansville transfer Kenny Perry, who always wanted to play forward instead of center with the Purple Aces, is manning the pivot at Southern Illinois. Oklahoma State's Joe Atkinson, 6-7, may play guard this year. Washington's lineup averages 6-8 when German import Detlef Schrempf, 6-9½, is moved to the backcourt. Scott Gardner, the first player Coach Bobby Cremins ever signed at Georgia Tech, has left the team. Gardner missed last season after contracting mononucleosis.

Michigan center Tim McCormick, hampered by knee ailments the past three years, feels so strong this season that he plans to discard his cumbersome knee braces. Starting forward Ron Jones, whose basketball eligibility expires this season, is toying with the idea of returning to Missouri next year to play football. Jones was a standout running back in high school. Ohio State sophomore center Alan Kortokrax arrived at school an inch taller (6-10) and 20 pounds heavier (240) than he was last season, when he was a major disappointment. Kortokrax will be the Buckeyes' starting center, at least early this season, because teammate Keith Wesson, 6-9, was suspended for the first three games after playing in two summer league games not sanctioned by the NCAA.

Something is amiss when only 2,000 of Ohio State's 50,000 students plan to attend the home games of a school that has won at least 20 games each of the past two seasons. The Buckeyes' student figure ranks last among the eight Big Ten schools that sell student-ticket books despite the fact that OSU's \$2.50 per game student-ticket price is the lowest in the conference. Meanwhile, the Big Eight's Iowa State, a school with only one



By MIKE DOUCHANT,
Associate Editor

winning season (14-13 in 1977-78) in the past nine years, has sold 11,000 season tickets overall, an increase of about 60 percent from a year ago.

Southern Illinois Coach Allen Van Winkle received a four-year extension on his contract. Two-time Mid-American player of the year and former National Basketball Association guard Tom Kozelko is a graduate assistant coach at Toledo, his alma mater. Memphis State All-America Keith Lee and Diane Jones, a star guard on MSU's women's basketball squad, were married in a simple civil ceremony in West Memphis, Ark., City Hall recently. A formal honeymoon will have to wait. Both players were at practice later that day.

On the Sidelines

Missouri transfer James Douglas, a 6-9 forward heavily counted on by Southern Illinois, has dropped out of school. The former junior college All-America returned to Kansas because of family problems. Meanwhile, guard Benny Smith, the leading scorer among SIU returnees, will sit out this season to improve his grades. Starting forward Rickie Thompson has given up basketball at Houston Baptist. The 1983 NCAA high jump champion is concentrating on making the U.S. track team in the 1984 Olympics. Backup centers Peter Wynn and Larry O'Neill have dropped off Syracuse's squad. Center Chauncey Terry's career at Howard University is over because of a kidney ailment. Starting guard Tony Neal left Gonzaga for personal reasons. Forward Dwight Moody, unhappy as a spot player, left Missouri and returned to his home in Memphis.

Sophomore swingman Todd Porter is ineligible at Arizona because of classroom deficiencies. Mike Sheehy, a 6-5 swingman who is the leading scorer among St. Bonaventure returnees, was suspended one week because of attitude problems. Furman transfer Jay Thursby dropped off Alabama-Birmingham's team. There was some good news for UAB, however, as Jerome Mincy appears to be fully recovered from a stress fracture of his right foot. Western Illinois will have a tough time successfully defending its Mid-Continent Conference crown after juco recruits Jerome Clayton and Cedric Wright left school. Lamar transfer Paul Marks, hampered by scholastic shortcomings, quit Arkansas-Little Rock's team. UALR also will be without starting forward Dan Coddington the first semester because he failed to meet academic requirements. Wake Forest forward Todd May, a transfer from Kentucky, was close to shedding a cast he's worn for a stress fracture in his leg.

Swingman Roosevelt Brown, one of Nevada-Reno's top recruits, has transferred to Eastern Washington, a Division I newcomer. EWU assistant Randy Hook was Brown's coach at Scottsdale Community College last season. Forward Vincent Riley, who signed a letter-of-intent with Mississippi State but left school in September, has enrolled at Alcorn State.

Boston College star Jay Murphy underwent arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, but he should be ready for the start of the season. USC guard Glenn Smith will be out a month after suffering a fractured left wrist. Brigham Young backcourter Marty Perry was shelved because of tendinitis-bursitis problems. Washington playmaker Alvin Vaughn was sidelined because of a knee ailment.

PRO

O'Brien Steps Down

Politics has always been Larry O'Brien's first love, so don't be surprised if he returns to the political arena after resigning as NBA commissioner, effective February 1, 1984, at the expiration of his contract. There was talk that the 66-year-old O'Brien might go to work for a Democratic presidential candidate, perhaps Sen. John Glenn of Ohio.

O'Brien, commissioner of the NBA for 8½ years, was an adviser to Sen. John Kennedy from 1952-58. Later, he served as Postmaster General in President Lyndon Johnson's administration, was a special assistant to Presidents Johnson and Kennedy and served as national chairman of the Democratic Party.

O'Brien contends a committee of owners selected to review his contract had proposed a pact that would have kept him as commissioner through the 1984-85 season, but he turned it down. The odds-on favorite to succeed him is David Stern, the league's vice-president for business and legal affairs and O'Brien's chief aide. Insiders say Stern has been campaigning for the job for some time.

Hoop Scoop

Milwaukee center Bob Lanier and New York Coach Hubie Brown sent out letters of apology for separate incidents, but they found there wasn't a forgiving spirit around the NBA.

Detroit's Bill Laimbeer, who suffered a broken nose when he was decked by Lanier, is upset with the league for not suspending Lanier although he was fined \$5,000. Some think Lanier got off easy because he is president of the players' association. The fisticuffs haven't canceled Detroit's plans to retire Lanier's uniform, but it likely has delayed the ceremony.

Meanwhile, Brown's colleagues were vilifying him as much as he did several mentors in a recent Sports Illustrated feature. Only Chicago's Kevin Loughery had a worse NBA record than Brown among the coaches he ripped in SI. Incidentally, the plan to have Brown serve as a USA Cable analyst for three

regular-season games has been nixed. Brown reportedly blames the decision on the NBA office, which holds veto power over announcers.

Speaking of commentators, Tom Heinsohn's debut on CBS was mediocre. It's too early, however, to be as harsh on Heinsohn as he used to be on referees when he coached the Celtics. Bob Blackburn, radio voice of the Sonics since the franchise was formed, underwent triple bypass heart surgery, ending his string of 1,375 consecutive Seattle games.

Reserve center Mark McNamara, shipped to San Antonio, averaged only 2.2 points and 2.1 rebounds in playing in less than half of Philly's games a year ago. But the numbers that counted the most probably were those on his contract. McNamara is earning a guaranteed \$135,000 this season, the second of a six-year deal. Cleveland guard Geoff Huston was fined an undisclosed amount for missing a practice. Huston apparently left for domestic reasons. Michael Ray Richardson, jettisoned by the Nets during training camp, was released from a psychiatric hospital after nearly three weeks of treatment.

The Knicks' Truck Robinson, despite shooting below 40 percent from the floor so far this year, is seeking a contract extension. Robinson doesn't want to relinquish his no-trade clause, the last such proviso for a player in the NBA. Chicago took Reggie Theus off the market after failing to pry Caldwell Jones loose from Houston, Clemon Johnson from Philadelphia or Harvey Catchings from Milwaukee. Word was Denver was trying to unload Danny Schayes.

Portland's Jeff Lamp, so slow afoot that he almost never shoots free throws because he seldom drives to the basket, hit 20 of his first 26 field-goal attempts. While Lamp was sizzling from outside, Indiana's Kevin McKenna was fizzling. McKenna missed his first 19 shots from the floor. Bill Garrett, shooting 29 percent from the floor as a starter for Dallas, won't see much playing time if rookie Dale Ellis continues to improve.

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Magic Johnson is on his way to another brilliant season. Johnson recorded his fourth triple double (double figures in points, assists and rebounds) this year and the 49th of his career November 13 when he collected 30 points, 16 assists and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles in a 124-118 victory over Utah. Five nights earlier, Johnson furnished 29 points, 14 assists and 12 rebounds in a 133-124 win at Denver.

Nuggets Coach Doug Moe was ejected from a game at San Antonio November 12 after pouring a cup of water down the back of substitute referee Tommy Wood. The Spurs won, 126-107, as Johnny Moore dished out 16 assists. All-Pro forwards Larry Bird of Boston and Julius Erving of Philadelphia posted season-high scoring totals November 11. Bird had 39 points in a 126-118 decision over Detroit and Erving 36 in a 108-100 verdict over Kansas City. Two days earlier, Philly lost at Detroit, 120-116, when Vinnie Johnson, who had only six field goals and 23 points in the Pistons' first five outings, erupted for 26 points on 11-of-15 shooting from the floor.

Fred Brown came off the bench to score 16 of his 27 points in the second quarter, and Gus Williams totaled a career-high 18 assists to boost Seattle to a 113-101 triumph over Cleveland November 9. The previous night, Jack Sikma, Tom Chambers and Danny Vranes combined for 79 points to spur the Sonics to a 123-116 success against Phoenix. The performance by Seattle's frontline couldn't overshadow a shooting binge by Suns guard Walter Davis, who hit 12 straight field-goal attempts at one point and finished with 43 points.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION					MIDWEST DIVISION				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Boston	8	1	.889		Dallas	5	4	.556	
Philadelphia	6	2	.750	1½	Utah	4	4	.500	½
New Jersey	5	3	.625	2½	San Antonio	4	5	.444	1
New York	4	4	.500	3½	Denver	3	4	.429	1
Washington	3	5	.375	4½	Houston	3	5	.375	1½
					Kansas City	2	7	.222	3
CENTRAL DIVISION					PACIFIC DIVISION				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Milwaukee	6	3	.667		Los Angeles	6	2	.750	
Detroit	4	4	.500	1½	Portland	7	3	.700	
Atlanta	3	5	.375	2½	Seattle	6	4	.600	1
Indiana	3	5	.375	2½	Golden State	5	4	.556	1½
Chicago	2	5	.286	3	Phoenix	3	5	.375	3
Cleveland	2	7	.222	4	San Diego	3	6	.333	3½

Games of Tuesday, Nov. 8

Milwaukee 97, New York 90
Washington 119, San Diego 113
Boston 99, Indiana 97
Chicago 100, Kansas City 97
Portland 122, Houston 104
Los Angeles 133, Denver 124
Seattle 123, Phoenix 116
Golden State 97, Atlanta 90

Games of Wednesday, Nov. 9

Boston 129, San Diego 122
New Jersey 127, Washington 110
Detroit 120, Philadelphia 116
Milwaukee 95, Kansas City 93
San Antonio 105, Utah 99
Los Angeles 120, Dallas 106
Seattle 113, Cleveland 101

Games of Thursday, Nov. 10

New York 99, Indiana 91
Utah 118, Houston 109
Portland 115, Cleveland 110
Phoenix 104, Golden State 99

Games of Friday, Nov. 11

Boston 126, Detroit 116
New Jersey 107, Milwaukee 103
New York 116, San Diego 95
Washington 125, Chicago 124 (OT)
Philadelphia 108, Kansas City 100
Dallas 112, San Antonio 105
Los Angeles 119, Phoenix 105
Seattle 104, Atlanta 93

Games of Saturday, Nov. 12

Detroit 131, Kansas City 106
Indiana 111, New Jersey 101
San Antonio 126, Denver 107
Boston 116, Chicago 101
Houston 100, Dallas 98
Utah 136, Portland 122
Golden State 109, Cleveland 102

Games of Sunday, Nov. 13

Philadelphia 124, San Diego 116 (OT)
Milwaukee 108, Seattle 107
Phoenix 113, Golden State 98
Portland 135, Atlanta 105
Los Angeles 124, Utah 118

Lanier Fights a 16th Round

DETROIT —

There is about Bob Lanier the aura of an ancient warrior. At 35, the Milwaukee Bucks center is the grizzled gun-fighter, his eyes clouded by time, reaching toward his holster against a younger, quicker adversary; he is the old pirate, with a patch and a hook where an eye and a hand used to be; the last gladiator, streaked with dirt and blood and tears of frustration, squinting into the sun as he hears the screams of the crowd one more time.

There is, in the aura, a nobility. But there is a foolishness, too. And a sadness.

Sport is filled with men and women who refuse to acknowledge the effect of time and age. Gordie Howe and Y.A. Tittle and Gaylord Perry were like that. Pete Rose is. And Billie Jean King. And Kenny Stabler. Men and women who once lived by their strength and muscle, now surviving on cunning and instinct, straining against the objections of their bodies to recreate the feats of their youth.

A decade ago—when Moses Malone was a high school superstar in Virginia, Bill Laimbeer was a junior high student in California and Ralph Sampson was an awkward kid whose grade school classmates taunted him with the nickname "Sticks"—Bob Lanier was the scourge of the NBA. An awesome

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man, to be feared as well as respected. Nearly seven feet and 270 pounds of desire, determination and ability.

But 13 years of the NBA's own particular style of bumping and grinding, late-night games and early-morning wakeups have diminished his skills. No longer does anything come easily. The surgeon's knife has left his knees looking like carved slabs of dark meat. Time and age have eroded his once-great abilities, and night after night he has to look into the eyes of men who are what he once was.

In his prime Lanier warred with Wilt Chamberlain and Willis Reed and Lew Alcindor and won as many as he lost. But that was yesteryear.

Last year he coaxed his knees onto the court for one more season, promising he would not ask them again. He lied. Once again the Bucks failed to win the NBA championship. But they were the only team to win a playoff game from Philadelphia, and that was enough to lure him back again.

Though he no longer resembles the Bob Lanier who was the heart and the hope of the Detroit franchise through the '70s, he had to try once more for the championship that has eluded him all these years.

So he had two more knee operations during the summer and told his coach, Don Nelson, that he thought he could help the Bucks in that quest.

Lanier has not averaged 20 points a game since 1979, has not had 500 rebounds in a season since 1980, and last year played in just 39 games and shot below 50 percent for the first time in his career.

Those are not the numbers of a superstar, and the frustrations of trying to recapture greatness are sometimes more



Bob Lanier . . . Ancient warrior.

than a man can contain. Sometimes they boil over. It happened to Lanier in Detroit on November 1. After spending a day in court proceedings relating to his father's hit-and-run death three years ago, and a halftime of bumping against Laimbeer, Lanier lashed out with a left that floored the Pistons center and earned Lanier, a onetime member of the NBA's committee to study the problem of violence, a \$5,000 fine.

It was not the old gunslinger protecting his reputation, Lanier said later. It was merely a knee-jerk reaction to the events of that day. His breaking point was reached and Laimbeer was unfortunate enough to be only an arm's length away.

He apologized later, took full responsibility, accepted the blame and the fine and tried to put it behind him.

There is not enough time left in Lanier's career for such distractions or for such mistakes. This, certainly, will be his last chance to win it all. Only occasionally now can he summon some remnants of the talents he once had. But, if you look quickly, sometimes, for an instant, you can see the Bob Lanier of old. Then, just as quickly, time reasserts itself.

The wit and the will are there, but seldom now does the body respond to the urgency of the situation.

There's a nobility in the effort, but there's a sadness, too.

Pragmatic Fitzsimmons Aims Higher and Higher

DALLAS—The initial reaction was that the changes made no sense. Why mess with success? Why change after being the most improved team in the National Basketball Association?

Why? Expiring contracts, unhappiness, reliance on an eighth-round draft choice and—most of all, said Kansas City Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons—a desire to improve even more.

In the 1981-82 season, the Kings won 30 games. In 1982-83, they won 45 with essentially the same cast. The 15-game improvement was the best in the NBA.

But during the off-season, the Kings sent guard Ray Williams to New York and received Billy Knight from Indiana in a three-way deal. They also traded their No. 1 draft choice to Chicago for muscleman Mark Olberding. Williams had been an integral part of the improvement, and adding a Clyde Drexler or an Ennis Whatley would have improved depth and prospects for the future.

"I think you (have to be) realistic," said Fitzsimmons. "You look at the draft. You're sitting with the 13th pick. Who will Kansas City pick? Clyde Drexler. Clyde Drexler is going to play behind Eddie Johnson—12, 13 minutes a game. Can we get somebody who will play a little more? We need a little more power, don't we? So we get Mark Olberding. That makes very good sense.

"Secondly, Ray Williams is in the last year of a contract. He made it very clear that he wanted to play in New York. His

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coach told him he would do his best to get him there but that he wouldn't give him away. So we tried and we did it. We brought Billy Knight to the club, and he enjoys playing here. He was the best player available."

The Kings also signed Don Buse to back up Larry Drew at point guard. But the Kings' most important moves were the re-signings of Drew and sixth man Mike Woodson. Both were free agents, and both received lucrative contracts.

"They (the trades) all made sense to me," said Fitzsimmons. "They may not to other people. I think we've improved our overall balance. We have more depth at every position than we've had. Just add it up. Billy Knight can play big guard and small forward. Mark comes in where we had a eighth-round draft choice (Ed Nealy, still with the team) last year. We feel we have more depth at power forward. And the backcourt is solid. Everybody talks about our three centers (LaSalle Thompson, Steve Johnson and Joe C. Meriweather), but our three centers helped us win 45 games last year."

The new-look Kings did not get off to a good start. They began the season with five home games, but could manage only a 2-3 record. Then they went on the road and lost two more.

But there were positive signs that the new players and the young players would develop into a solid group, one that Fitzsimmons hoped would challenge for the Midwest Division championship.

"That's our goal," he said. "We know it's high. But you've got to set your goals high."

Some of the improvement will come at center. After missing training camp because of a contract wrangle last season, Thompson reported to camp this year in excellent shape. He took the starting pivot job from Johnson, and in the first five games of the season he averaged 14.2 points and 13.2 rebounds. He stood fourth in the league in rebounding.

Eddie Johnson improved spectacularly last season, his second in the NBA, more than doubling his scoring average from 9.3 as a rookie to 19.8. He continued to improve this season, scoring 40 points against Seattle and averaging 28.6.

Drew was averaging 18.4 points and 8.4 assists, and Knight was scoring at a 15.4 rate.

The Kings were hurt when Woodson tore cartilage in his right knee before the season began. He is not expected to return until the first of December, and his absence could explain K.C.'s slow start.

Fitzsimmons, who is in the last year of his contract, thinks that some fans and critics are waiting for the Kings to fall apart. Perhaps these "experts" are delighted by the Kings' early problems.

"We must not have proved anything to anybody last year," said Fitzsimmons. "All the publications say some teams are getting a little better, so some teams have to fall and the Kings may be one of them. One publication picked us to go from 45-37 to 35-47. I guess we're like Rodney Dangerfield. We get no respect, so we live with it."

"But I don't mind playing that role. That role doesn't bother us at all. We don't have any 'stars'. We just go play. We will be the blue-collar workers."

WHERE THEY PLAY

November 18—New York at Boston, Utah at Detroit, Houston at Denver, Milwaukee at Phoenix.

November 19—Detroit at New York, Boston at Philadelphia, Utah at Washington, Seattle at Atlanta, Indiana at Chicago, Phoenix at Dallas, Golden State at Houston, New Jersey at San Antonio, Milwaukee at Denver, Los Angeles at Portland.

November 20—Cleveland at San Diego.

November 22—Boston at New York, Detroit at Philadelphia, Golden State at Washington, Indiana at Atlanta, San Antonio at Dallas, Phoenix at Houston, San Diego at Kansas City, Utah at Los Angeles, Denver at Portland.

November 23—Washington at Cleveland, Detroit at Indiana, Golden State at Milwaukee, Philadelphia at San Antonio, San Diego at Denver, Chicago vs. Utah at Las Vegas, New Jersey at Phoenix, Los Angeles at Seattle.

November 25—Atlanta at Boston, Washington at Detroit, Golden State at Indiana, Kansas City at Dallas, Philadelphia at Houston, San Diego at San Antonio, Denver at Utah, Chicago at Phoenix, New Jersey at Los Angeles, Portland at Seattle.

November 26—Cleveland at New York, Houston at Atlanta, Washington at Milwaukee, Golden State at Dallas, Utah at Kansas City, Phoenix at Denver, New Jersey at San Diego, Seattle at Portland.

November 27—Detroit at Boston, San Antonio at Cleveland, New York at Indiana, Chicago at Los Angeles.

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Saturday, November 26:
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(8:00 p.m., Eastern Time)

NCAA FOOTBALL

Thursday, November 24:
Louisiana State at Tulane
(8:05 p.m., Eastern Time)
Sunday, November 27:
NCAA Division I—AA Playoff Game
(7:05 p.m., Eastern Time)

COMING UP

Hawks Basketball—Wednesday, Nov. 30:
Atlanta Hawks at Philadelphia 76ers
NCAA Football—Saturday, December 3:
Teams to be announced.
NCAA Football—Thursday, December 22:
Hall of Fame Bowl

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Orioles Want to Avoid Bidding Wars

BALTIMORE—In the past, the Baltimore Orioles rarely have been among the top bidders following baseball's annual re-entry draft. But that has not kept them from selecting some of the top names, and this year was no different.

General Manager Hank Peters made seven selections, including relievers Goose Gossage and Kent Tekulve. "If it gets to a bidding war, then we'll probably drop out," Peters said. "But we never draft anybody unless we're serious about them and feel they can complement our roster."

A year ago the Orioles stayed in the running for Steve Kemp until the bitter end before losing out to the Yankees, and two years ago they thought they had a chance to sign Reggie Jackson until the Angels agreed to give him a four-year contract. But those two cases were exceptions for the Orioles, who generally have shopped for bargains in the re-entry draft.

"It (the re-entry system) is now an established part of the system," said Peters, "and we intend to avail ourselves of it when we think there's somebody out there who can help us. But we're not going to disrupt our structure to do it."

In other words, when the bidding gets into seven figures per year, the Orioles get out.

Righthander Dennis Lamp, who was 7-7 for the White Sox last year, would appear to be the most logical pick for the Orioles to sign, fitting the mold of other players the Orioles have had through the years. He has been used as both a starter and reliever in the past and could give the Orioles added depth in the bullpen.

Peters also hoped he might be able to entice San Francisco infielder Darrell Evans, who played under Oriole Manager Joe Altobelli, to come to Baltimore to fill the hole at third base, but those hopes may have been dashed when a total of 17 teams made Evans the most popular name in the re-entry draft.

Outfielder Dan Ford, the only Oriole to go through the draft, was selected by five teams, and it now appears likely that he could re-sign. Ford had been looking for a four-year deal, with the Orioles offering two years. Ron Shapiro, his representative, indicated the two sides were not that far apart.

"It is not unresolvable," Shapiro said. "Unless somebody comes up with a substantially better deal, I think Dan would want to re-sign with the Orioles, which is no different than the thinking all along."

In addition to Gossage, Tekulve, Lamp and Evans, the Orioles also selected second baseman Julio Cruz and outfielders Oscar Gamble and Amos Otis. The latter selection turned out to be a formality, however, when the Orioles were the only team to name Otis. Peters interrupted a week's stay in St. Petersburg, Fla., to participate in the re-entry proceedings, then returned to watch the club's Florida Instructional League team in the final days of its season.

JIM HENNEMAN

Brewers Mull Outfield Platoon

MILWAUKEE—It worked for the Baltimore Orioles and Philadelphia Phillies. Why not for the Milwaukee Brewers?

The Orioles and Phillies used a platoon system in the outfield to make it to the World Series. Now, Rene Lachemann, the Brewers' new manager, and General Manager Harry Dalton have mentioned the possibility of platooning some outfielders next season.

"As the player situation goes, we have talked about it," Lachemann said. "I haven't made my mind up 100 percent, but I've got to look at how they've done against certain pitchers."

Lachemann said that part of his thinking would be based on whether the Brewers could re-sign free agent Ted Simmons.

"If we don't sign Simmons, we might have to sacrifice defense to get some offense in there," Lachemann said.

Right fielder Charlie Moore and center fielder Rick Manning are very good outfielders, but neither drives in a lot of runs. Dalton also is looking at rookie Dion James as a part-time starter.

"Charlie Moore, I think, could play center field," Dalton said. "What does he have to do? He can throw. He can run the ball down."

"I'm not speaking for Lach. I'm just painting some possibilities. Maybe Lach would like to explore a Manning-Moore platoon in center, a Mark Brouhard-Dion James platoon in right or a Brouhard-James platoon in left, with Ben Oglivie in right."

Lachemann isn't thinking about a strict lefty-righty platoon. "I want to look at some numbers and how they hit against certain pitchers, righthanders and lefthanders," he said. "I will give a guy a day off if he's really struggling against a certain pitcher. If he's 0-for-2 or 0-for-3, that's meaningless. I'm looking over 20 at-bats or so."

The Brewers made only three selections in the free-agent draft—Darrell Evans, Oscar Gamble and Derrel Thomas. "Our interest in Evans is predicated on whether we sign Simmons," Dalton said. "If we sign Teddy, I doubt that we would be very aggressive in signing Evans."

TOM FLAHERTY

Red Sox Probably Will Sign Bochte

BOSTON—In an attempt to solve one of their major problems and obtain a lefthanded hitter, the Boston Red Sox selected three in the re-entry draft.

But negotiations with Darrell Evans, Oscar Gamble and Warren Cromartie will be put on hold. The Sox may have found their man in Bruce Bochte.



Bochte, the former Seattle Mariner who retired after the 1982 season, and his agent, Tony Attanasio, held talks with the Red Sox front office the day after the free-agent draft and, according to General Manager Haywood Sullivan, "It all wound up very positive."

Bochte, who later held similar discussions with the Kansas City Royals and Oakland A's, feels the one-year layoff could be a problem, but Sullivan does not.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say it scares me," Bochte said. "But while I've stayed in pretty good shape, I haven't had any formal baseball workouts since I last played in October of '82. There is some uncertainty and, until I prove myself, the question of my ability to hit after sitting out a year is going to exist."

Sullivan had much more confidence. "Anytime a person lays off for a year, there's a question if it will have some effect on him. But there are people who are injured for an entire year and come back. And I think this guy can do it."

The Red Sox initially made contact with Bochte in July. "It was a pleasant surprise," Bochte said. "So I started checking box scores and tried to figure out where I'd fit and the type of places I'd like to go and drew up a list."

Sullivan feels he can sign the first baseman-outfielder. "The deal is there. The only question is where he wants to play. He loved the city, and he likes the ball park," Sullivan said.

Should the Red Sox sign Bochte, who hit .297 with 12 homers and 70 runs batted in in 1982, the interest in Evans, Gamble and Cromartie wouldn't disappear entirely.

"I wouldn't be quite as interested in another lefthanded hitter if we signed him. I would be interested, but not to the extent we are now," Sullivan said.

Negotiations also have started between the Red Sox and Dwight Evans and Wade Boggs. Evans will be on the final year of his contract. Boggs, with two years in the majors, can go to arbitration. "I don't think that will be necessary," said his attorney, Tony Pennacchia, who will try to negotiate a long-term deal for the major leagues' leading hitter of 1983. . . . The Boston chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America has voted Jim Rice the Red Sox' most valuable player and Bob Stanley the club's most valuable pitcher. They will be honored, along with Carl Yastrzemski, at the chapter's 45th annual dinner February 1.

JOE GIULIOTTI

Smalley Would Like to Be a Regular

NEW YORK—When the New York Yankees gave third baseman Graig Nettles a two-year contract and kept him out of the free-agent draft, the message to Roy Smalley was loud and clear: Smalley, once again, expects to be a player without a position next season. And that's why he's hoping to be traded.

"Certainly, it would be better for me if I were somewhere else," said Smalley, whose role consists of being a backup at third base, shortstop and first base. "If I'm not, I'm not. I don't anticipate anything happening, but it would be nice for me if it did."

Smalley, who was hoping to be the regular third baseman if Nettles became a free agent, met with Yankee General Manager Murray Cook and requested a trade. But Cook said there are no plans at this point to grant that request.

"Just because a guy wants to be traded, that doesn't mean you go ahead and trade him," said Cook. "I had a long talk with Roy. I understand his feelings. He wants to play regularly, and I'm sure he would play regularly for a lot of teams. But he's valuable to us in his role."

"He plays three infield positions—and I'm sure he could play second base if we needed him there. He's a good hitter, a switch-hitter. He's experienced. There aren't many players who could provide all the things for us that he does."

Smalley played 130 games last year, shifting among the three infield positions before settling at shortstop after Andre Robertson suffered a broken neck in an auto crash on August 18. Smalley was criticized for a few costly errors at shortstop, but Cook defended him.

"Overall, he did an outstanding job at short," Cook said. "He made errors in two games that turned out to hurt us, and that's what people remember. But anybody who saw him every day knows he can play shortstop."

The Yankees, unimpressed by this year's free-agent field, selected negotiating rights to only one player, Darrell Evans. They retained rights to their four free agents—Rich Gossage, Oscar Gamble, Dale Murray and Bert Campaneris. "I think Baltimore winning the World Series had a profound effect on a lot of clubs," said Cook. "It emphasized the value of building within your organization. We were quite pleased with our young players last year (Robertson, Don Mattingly, pitcher

Ray Fontenot), and we feel we have talent in our own system." Cook said that re-signing Gossage is the team's top off-season priority.

MOSS KLEIN

Tribe to Participate in Goose Hunt

CLEVELAND—As a result of the re-entry draft, the Cleveland Indians' critical needs officially were identified.

"We need two relief pitchers, a second baseman and an outfielder," Indian President Gabe Paul said after the draft.

The Tribe's first selection was New York Yankees reliever Rich Gossage, also the top pick of Atlanta, California, Oakland, Pittsburgh, San Diego, Texas and Toronto.

Gossage (13-5, 2.27 earned-run average, 22 saves) was selected by 11 teams. Only two players were chosen by more clubs, Darrell Evans (17) and Kent Tekulve (12).

Tekulve (7-5, 1.64 ERA, 18 saves), the Pittsburgh Pirates' No. 1 reliever, was the ninth selection of Cleveland, which picked three other pitchers: Tom Underwood, 9-7, 4.04 ERA and four saves as a starter and reliever with Oakland; Detroit Tigers reliever Doug Bair, 7-3 with a 3.88 ERA; and Dennis Lamp, 7-7 with a 3.71 ERA and 15 saves with the Chicago White Sox.

The Indians' second pick was White Sox second baseman Julio Cruz, who batted .252 and stole 57 bases.

Cleveland's remaining selections were outfielders Ruppert Jones (.233, 12 homers, 41 runs batted in) of the Padres, Dan Ford (.280, nine homers, 55 RBIs) of the Orioles and Steve Henderson (.294, 10 homers, 54 RBIs) of the Mariners.

"All we got was the right to negotiate with the players we picked," Paul said.

Although the heirs of late owner Steve O'Neill say they will conduct business as usual while they choose a buyer for the Indians, it remains to be seen how much money Paul will be allotted for free agents.

Cleveland retained the right to negotiate with two of its three free agents, righthander Lary Sorensen (12-11, 4.24 ERA) and southpaw reliever Jamie Easterly (4-3, 3.67, four saves).

Sorensen was drafted by the Angels, Chicago Cubs, Padres, Mariners, Blue Jays, A's and Rangers. Including incentive bonuses, Sorensen earned \$400,000 with the Indians in 1983 and is believed to be seeking a three-year pact worth at least \$600,000 per season.

Easterly was not drafted by any club. However, since fewer than four teams selected him, he has the right to negotiate with every big-league team.

SHELDON OCKER

Jays Train Their Sights on Lamp

TORONTO—The Toronto Blue Jays surprised no one with their selections in the re-entry draft. Pitching, primarily in the bullpen, was the Jays' major weakness last season and they selected nine pitchers among their 11 choices.

The Jays went for pitchers Goose Gossage, Kent Tekulve, Dale Murray, Dan Schatzeder, Dennis Lamp, Jerry Koosman, Frank LaCorte, Lary Sorensen and Milt Wilcox. Their other selections were Darrell Evans and Oscar Gamble.

Gossage and Tekulve are the cream of the free-agent crop. Pat Gillick, vice-president of the Jays, didn't rate his chances high at signing either of the bullpen veterans.

"Realistically, we have a better chance at the level of Murray (a former Blue Jay) and Schatzeder or Lamp," said Gillick.

Gillick believes that the Jays' emergence as a contender in the American League East may help them sign free agents. He was enthusiastic about his chances with Lamp, a righthander who had 15 saves for the Chicago White Sox last season.

"He can start or relieve. He's got a rubber-type arm. The more he pitches, the better he gets," Gillick said.

If he is unable to sign someone for the bullpen, Gillick said, "We'll be moving Jim Gott there and we'll need another starter. We're just looking for more pitching."

Gamble and Evans would be potential lefthanded designated hitters for the Jays.

"Evans would play a little third base for us," said Gillick. "He would be used primarily as a lefthanded DH and as a backup at first and third base."

The Jays suffered a setback in their trading plans when shortstop Tony Fernandez suffered a fractured bone between the thumb and index finger of his left hand in winter ball. He will be in a cast for about three months. Either regular shortstop Alfredo Griffin or second baseman Damaso Garcia would be trade bait, now that Fernandez seems ready to break into the Toronto lineup. With Fernandez injured, the Jays will be more cautious in their trade attempts. The Jays signed right fielder Jesse Barfield to a new two-year contract and placed minor league pitchers Jack McKnight and John Cerutti on their 40-man roster. First baseman Tim Thompson and pitcher Don Cooper were demoted to the Syracuse (International) roster. Cerutti had a 9-13 record with a 3.43 earned-run average for Knoxville (Southern). McKnight was 8-12 and had a 4.13 ERA for Knoxville.

ARLIE KELLER

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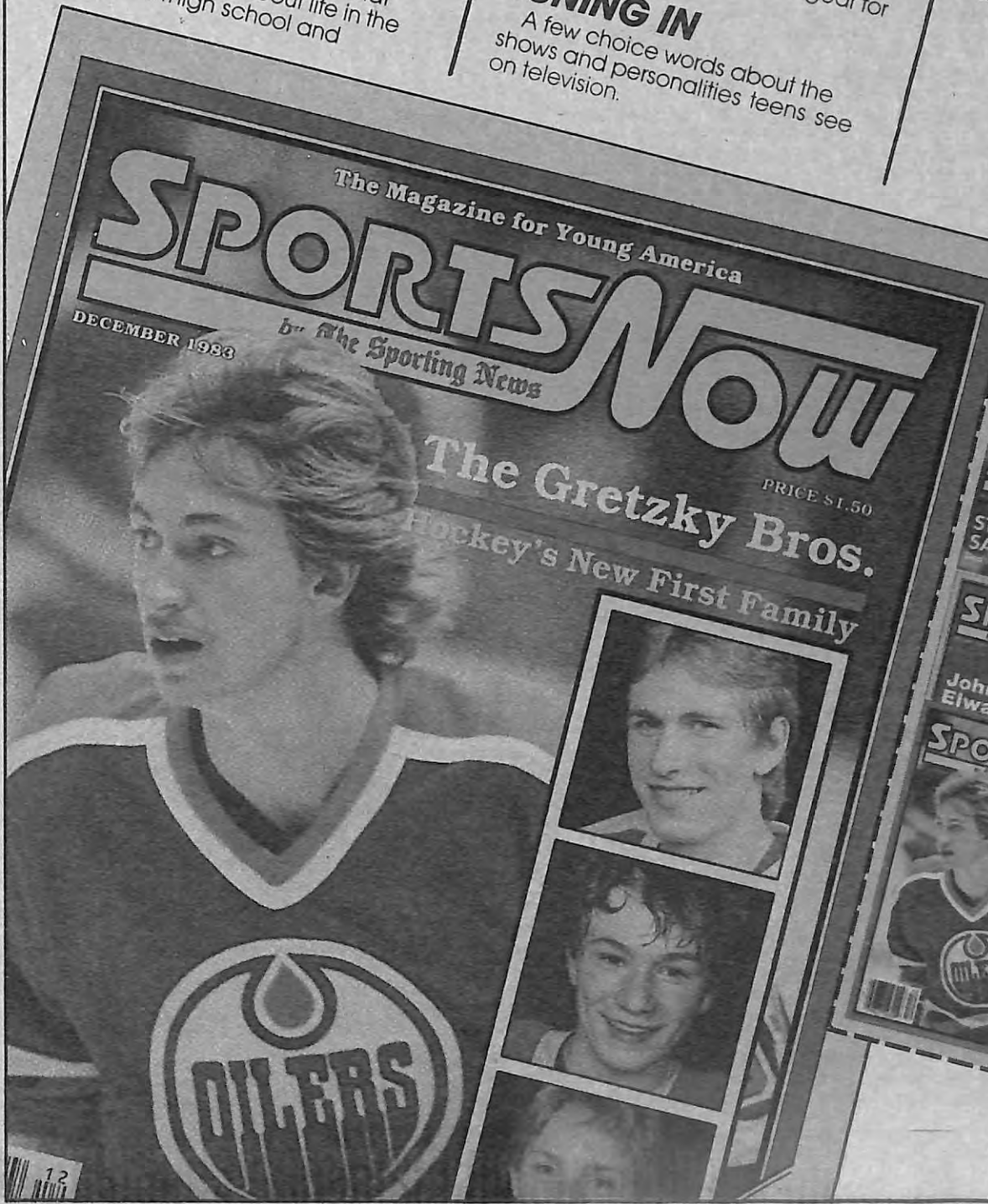
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Silver Sluggers For '83

By LOWELL REIDENBAUGH
Senior Editor

ST. LOUIS—Little by little, the balloting for the annual Silver Slugger Awards is turning into a Mike Schmidt show.

When Hillerich & Bradbury, manufacturer of Louisville Slugger bats, initiated the award in 1980 as a means of honoring the 18 foremost offensive players in the major leagues, the Phillies' third baseman was a clear-cut winner.

In 1981, when the ballots of managers and coaches were tabulated, Schmidt led Art Howe of Houston, 57 votes to five, a margin he nearly matched in '82 when he outdistanced Bill Madlock of Pittsburgh, 50-5.

While not as substantial as in previous years, Schmidt's edge in the '83 balloting still was convincing. The 34-year-old slugger overshadowed Pedro Guerrero of Los Angeles, 42-4.

Schmidt's credentials were overpowering. He led the majors in home runs (40) and walks (128) and paced the National League in on-base percentage with .399. In addition, he was among the league's top five in runs batted in, runs, slugging percentage and total bases.

Three players were accorded Silver Slugger status for the

TSN 1983 Silver Slugger Teams

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player—Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	TB.	Sig. Pct.	RBI.	B.A.
C—Lance Parrish, Detroit.....	155	605	80	163	42	3	27	292	.483	114	.269
1B—Eddie Murray, Baltimore.....	156	582	115	178	30	3	33	313	.538	111	.306
2B—Lou Whitaker, Detroit.....	161	643	94	206	39	6	12	293	.456	72	.320
SS—Cal Ripken, Baltimore.....	162	663	121	211	47	2	27	343	.517	102	.318
3B—Wade Boggs, Boston.....	153	582	100	210	44	7	5	283	.486	74	.361
OF—Jim Rice, Boston.....	155	626	90	191	34	1	39	344	.550	126	.305
OF—Dave Winfield, New York.....	152	598	99	169	26	8	32	307	.513	116	.283
OF—Lloyd Moseby, Toronto.....	151	539	104	170	31	7	18	269	.499	81	.315
DH—Don Baylor, New York.....	144	534	82	162	33	3	21	264	.494	85	.303

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player—Club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	2B.	3B.	HR.	TB.	Sig. Pct.	RBI.	B.A.
C—Terry Kennedy, San Diego.....	149	549	47	156	27	2	17	238	.434	98	.284
1B—George Hendrick, St. Louis.....	144	529	73	168	33	3	18	261	.493	97	.318
2B—Johnny Ray, Pittsburgh.....	151	576	68	163	38	7	5	230	.399	53	.283
SS—Dickie Thon, Houston.....	154	619	81	177	28	9	20	283	.457	79	.286
3B—Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia.....	154	534	104	136	16	4	40	280	.524	109	.255
OF—Andre Dawson, Montreal.....	159	633	104	189	36	10	32	341	.539	113	.299
OF—Dale Murphy, Atlanta.....	162	589	131	178	24	4	36	318	.540	121	.302
OF—Jose Cruz, Houston.....	160	594	85	189	28	8	14	275	.463	92	.318
P—Fernando Valenzuela, Los Ang.	36	91	5	17	3	0	1	23	.253	9	.187

third time. They were Lance Parrish of Detroit, who lost out to Carlton Fisk of Chicago in 1981; Dave Winfield of the Yankees, who was honored for the third consecutive year; and Andre Dawson of Montreal, beaten out of an outfield spot in 1982.

There also were three second-time winners, all in the National League. They were George Hendrick, St. Louis' first baseman, who was selected as an outfielder in 1980; Dale Murphy of Atlanta, a winner for the second consecutive year, and Fernando Valenzuela of Los Angeles, a selectee in 1981.

Close races were the rule in the N.L. balloting with five positions decided by fewer than 10 votes. At first base, Hendrick beat out Darrell Evans of San Francisco, 21-12½. Second base was determined by a margin of eight votes with Johnny Ray of Pittsburgh shading Steve Sax of Los Angeles, 20-12. Valenzuela beat out Rick Rhoden of Pittsburgh for pitching honors, 10-6; and Terry Kennedy of San Diego captured catching honors from Tony Pena of Pittsburgh, 17-14.

The closest balloting of all occurred among candidates for the third outfield spot in the American League. After Winfield and Jim Rice of Boston sprinted to commanding leads, the race for the third position saw Lloyd Moseby of Toronto edge Rick-

ey Henderson of Oakland, 19-17.

The champion among runaway winners was Cal Ripken, one of 11 earning a spot on the 18-man squad for the first time. The superb shortstop of the world champion Orioles played in 162 games and led the major leagues with 47 doubles and 211 hits. He led the A.L. with 121 runs and finished second with 343 total bases. His 17 game-winning RBIs, .318 batting average and .517 slugging percentage ranked among the top five in the league.

With such credentials, the second-year superstar was a cinch to outdistance his nearest competitor. In this case it was Robin Yount. Last year, Yount eclipsed Ripken, 68-3. This year, Ripken returned the favor, outpolling the Milwaukee star, 52-9.

In addition to Schmidt's landslide victory, other sizeable margins were registered by second baseman Lou Whitaker of Detroit, 47-10 over Jim Gantner of Milwaukee; shortstop Dickie Thon of Houston, 39-10 over Rafael Ramirez of Atlanta; and Parrish over Fisk, 42-14.

The Houston Astros were the only N.L. club to place two members on the Silver Slugger team. Four A.L. clubs boasted double representation: Baltimore, Detroit, Boston and New York.

Murphy Leaves Dawson in Dust In National League MVP Voting

By JACK LANG

NEW YORK—The debate that simmered all summer over the best all-round player in the National League may have been settled by the baseball writers' 1983 Most Valuable Player vote. Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves was a landslide winner over Andre Dawson of Montreal, Mike Schmidt of Philadelphia and Pedro Guerrero of Los Angeles.

Dawson had been heralded in midseason as the likely MVP choice. The Expos' slick center fielder was labeled by many as the "best all-round player in the league." Dawson's boosters tabbed Murphy a grade below their man.

But when the 24 members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America went to the polls to elect their MVP, Dawson was left in the dust. Murphy romped off with the honors for the second year in a row. That's something that only three other National Leaguers had ever achieved—Ernie Banks in 1958-59, Joe Morgan in 1975-76 and Mike Schmidt in 1980-81. Last year Murphy beat out Lonnie Smith of St. Louis by 65 points; this year his edge over runner-up Dawson was a whopping 105 points. Murphy finished with a 318 total, compared to Dawson's 213.

In winning last year, the 27-year-old Atlanta outfielder was accorded 14 first-place votes. This year he received 21, with one each going to Dawson, Schmidt and Guerrero.

In addition to his 21 first-place votes, Murphy received two seconds and one fifth. A first-place vote is worth 14 points, second place nine, third place eight, etc.

Dawson was an early favorite to win the MVP, but his second-half slump came when Murphy continued to produce. Obviously, that cost Dawson the crown. It could not have been Montreal's disappointing finish, because the Braves also lost in their division.

But while Murphy was doing everything humanly possible to keep his club in the race after third baseman Bob Horner was lost in August, Dawson was doing little to help the Expos. In September when Murphy was hitting .326, Dawson was slump-

ing with .224. While Murphy was putting together two half seasons in which he batted .300 or better, Dawson slipped from a .321 halfway mark to .280 in the second half.

Murphy, who led the league with 121 RBIs, knocked in 73 in the final half. He finished the season with a .302 average, 36 homers, 14 game-winning RBIs and 30 stolen bases. Dawson batted .299, with 32 homers, 14 game-winning RBIs, 25 stolen bases and 113 RBIs.

Murphy, Dawson, Schmidt and Guerrero were the only players named on all 24 ballots.

A Romp for Dale

Player-Club	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Pts.
Dale Murphy, Atlanta.....	21	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	318
Andre Dawson, Montreal.....	1	16	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	213
Mike Schmidt, Philadelphia.....	1	5	9	7	1	1	—	—	—	—	191
Pedro Guerrero, Los Angeles...	1	1	9	9	4	—	—	—	—	—	182
Tim Lincecum, Montreal.....	—	—	—	4	4	4	1	1	2	—	83
Jose Cruz, Houston.....	—	—	—	1	3	5	1	5	2	3	76
Dickie Thon, Houston.....	—	—	—	—	6	3	2	—	3	2	67
Bill Madlock, Pittsburgh.....	—	—	—	—	2	1	3	3	3	1	45
Al Holland, Philadelphia.....	—	—	—	1	—	1	5	2	2	—	42
Terry Kennedy, San Diego.....	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	2	3	2	37
George Hendrick, St. Louis.....	—	—	—	—	—	2	3	2	2	1	33
Tony Pena, Pittsburgh.....	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	—	—	25
John Denny, Philadelphia.....	—	—	—	—	1	2	1	—	1	2	24
Mario Soto, Cincinnati.....	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	1	16
Darrell Evans, San Fran.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	2	1	16
Rafael Ramirez, Atlanta.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	1	15
Jesse Orosco, New York.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	3	14	14
Lee Smith, Chicago.....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1½	8½
Al Oliver, Montreal.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	3
Jeff Leonard, Houston.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
Lonnie Smith, St. Louis.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1½	1½
Jody Davis, Chicago.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Keith Hernandez, St.L.-N.Y.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Bob Horner, Atlanta.....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
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Terry Kennedy
Catcher—San Diego
George Hendrick
1st Base—St. Louis
Johnny Ray
2nd Base—Pittsburgh
Mike Schmidt
3rd Base—Philadelphia
Dickie Thon
Shortstop—Houston
Andre Dawson
Outfield—Montreal
Dale Murphy
Outfield—Atlanta
Jose Cruz
Outfield—Houston
Fernando Valenzuela
Pitcher—Los Angeles



A's Want Gossage or Tekulve

OKLAND—The Oakland A's, as expected, are in the Goose hunt. They are also interested in a slender bird of similar talent, Kent Tekulve.

"Our greatest need is in the bullpen," said Sandy Alderson, A's vice-president of baseball operations. "So we're most interested in Gossage and Tekulve. One or the other. Not both of them."



A's fans expecting the club to surprise them in the re-entry draft must have been disappointed.

The A's went after pitching, relief pitching in particular, just as they had said they would.

Goose Gossage, the New York Yankee ace, was the first of eight Oakland selections in the draft. Tekulve was picked fifth. The A's also chose pitchers Milt Wilcox, Lary Sorensen and Jerry Koosman, outfielders Oscar Gamble and Dan Ford and infielder Darrell Evans.

The A's desperately need righthanded hitting, yet Ford was their only selection in that category. They picked no infielders, another area where they could use some help.

Roy Eisenhardt, president of the A's, said the club spoke to Gossage and his agent, Jerry Kapstein (who also represents Evans), before the draft.

"We discussed all the things we are allowed to (everything except money and length of contract)," Eisenhardt said. "It is now up to him as to how he wants to orchestrate it."

Although they are lefthanded hitters, Evans and Gamble would give the A's a power boost they sorely need. Evans, who was drafted by 17 clubs, hasn't ruled out returning to the San Francisco Giants, but Gamble has indicated that under no circumstances will he return to the Yankees. When Billy Martin managed the A's, the club tried to trade for Gamble.

"I'm not saying we are going to mobilize everybody to sign him," Eisenhardt said of Evans. "But he is a very good player who would give us flexibility. We certainly want to talk to him."

To date, the A's have not opened their counting-house doors to pay big money for free agents. The availability of Gossage and Tekulve may make them change their tune.

The team continues to negotiate with former Seattle first baseman Bruce Bochte, who sat out last year. He reportedly is seeking a two-year contract for \$500,000 per season. . . . Cleveland was the only team that selected lefthander Tom Underwood, the A's only free agent. . . . Reliever Jeff Jones, injured most of the past two seasons, worked on a new delivery at the club's instructional league camp in Arizona.

KIT STIER

Rangers Choose Gossage, Tekulve

ARLINGTON—If going through the motions counts for anything, chalk up some credits for Texas Rangers General Manager Joe Klein.

Klein joined the high rollers in the re-entry draft, slapping a Texas brand on Goose Gossage, Darrell Evans and Kent Tekulve with his first three picks. Trouble is, those were the three most popular players in the draft, and the Rangers' record for competing for high-priced free agents over the past few years is hardly enviable.

Klein insists he's not trying to fool anyone by picking those three and 10 others in the annual auction of free-agent talent, least of all the fanatic pursuit of a Gossage, for instance.

"I would have them (the fans) only realize that the procedure we're going through is correct and we're being thorough in our judgment and evaluation," Klein said. "Once we get there and see how much it's going to take to sign one of those dudes, you take it to ownership and say, 'This is what it is.'"

"My situation hasn't changed. You take a stance, a posture and stick with it. I still don't know what it's gonna take. In the case of many of these guys, it's not only the money they want, but the number of years they're looking for."

Klein's philosophy was simple: "It doesn't cost a thing to draft."

Second baseman Julio Cruz and pinch-hitter Denny Walling rounded out the Rangers' top five selections.

"Much of the order after the first two or three rounds was determined by how the draft went," Klein said. "We wound up with rights to all but four players—Oscar Gamble, Gene Richards, Dan Ford and Derrel Thomas."

Players selected by fewer than four teams can negotiate with any club.

Klein also announced the addition of five players to the Rangers' 40-man roster. They are righthanded pitchers Glen Cook of Oklahoma City and Jose Guzman of Burlington, catcher Otto Gonzales of Burlington, catcher-first baseman Kevin Buckley of Tulsa and outfielder Chuck Canady of Tulsa. . . . The Rangers outrighted pitchers Tim Henry and Brad Mengwasser to Oklahoma City. . . . The club's award winners for 1983: player of the year, George Wright; pitcher of the year, Charlie Hough; rookie of the year, Mike Smithson; minor-league player of the year, Curtis Wilkerson; good guy award, trainer Bill Zeigler.

JIM REEVES

Redfern's Condition Has Improved

TWIN CITIES—The prognosis for Pete Redfern, the former Minnesota Twins pitcher injured in a swimming accident in late October, has improved after surgery on November 3. Redfern's spinal cord was damaged. But it was not severed as originally feared, and he has regained some feeling in his legs.

Redfern pitched for the Twins from 1976 through spring training of 1983, when he was released. Redfern had received notice of his release from the Dodgers on October 29, the day he suffered the accident while diving off a seawall in California's Newport Bay. Redfern had been hoping to get an invitation to a major-league training camp as a free agent.



American League President Lee MacPhail on November 1 met with the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce's task force, which is working to guarantee that the Twins remain in Minnesota. "We asked him to come here for two reasons," said Merlin Dewing, chairman of the task force. "We wanted him to hear what we're doing with respect to tickets, and we wanted to know if he had any ideas for us."

The task force has indicated that, if necessary, it will purchase enough tickets to prevent the Twins from exercising an escape clause in the 30-year lease the team signed to play in the Metrodome, starting in 1982.

The Twins need to average 1.4 million customers during a three-year period to be held to that lease, and that means attendance of 2.41 million is required in 1984. Members of the task force have indicated it could cost as much as \$9 million to purchase the tickets necessary to keep the lease intact, and they also have indicated they will find buyers for that many tickets if that's what it takes.

"When MacPhail left, he looked around the room and said, 'You guys really are doing the job to keep baseball here,'" Dewing said.

Meanwhile, Sen. Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.) has introduced a bill in Congress that would make it more difficult for a sports franchise to move. Boschwitz said the Twins' attendance problems have occurred strictly because "Calvin Griffith has run the team in the ground," and a community should not lose its team because of such circumstances.

"I don't think they should be able to put a lid on business," Griffith said. "They don't tell a department store it can't change locations. We're trying to make a go of it in Minnesota. A lot of congressmen have been trying to do this for 10 years, and nothing has passed yet. Boschwitz? He's running for reelection."

PATRICK REUSSE

Royals Prefer Evans or Bochte

KANSAS CITY—The Kansas City Royals don't know who their first baseman will be next spring, but Willie Aikens is certainly out of the picture. Names being tossed about include Darrell Evans and Bruce Bochte.

Evans, who hit 30 home runs for San Francisco last season, was the Royals' first selection in the November 7 re-entry draft. The Royals picked Bochte in last year's re-entry draft but were unable to talk him out of retiring. He last played for Seattle in 1982, batting .297 with 12 home runs and 70 runs batted in.

In addition to Evans, the Royals also selected Enos Cabell of Detroit and Denny Walling of Houston—both of whom are capable of playing first base, third base and the outfield—and outfielder Gene Richards of San Diego.

Bochte, who retired without negotiating a new contract, began a serious job search recently, making stops in Boston, Kansas City and Oakland. Bochte, whose career average is .286, is willing to put the uniform back on for a two-year contract that will pay him \$500,000 a year.

"We have said all along that we'd like to find someone to strengthen us at either first or third base," Royals General Manager John Schuerholz said. "Or we might even be interested in a run-producing outfielder. It really is an effort to improve our run production."

One thought had been to acquire a third baseman, thus allowing George Brett to play either the outfield or first base. Graig Nettles was on the Royals' draft list until he re-signed with the Yankees.

Now the Royals would welcome either Bochte or Evans as a full-time first baseman. Getting Bochte appears far more likely. The only other competitors for his services are Boston and Oakland, while Evans was selected by 17 teams in the re-entry draft.

"To be very realistic about it, we were one of 17 clubs that drafted this fellow," Schuerholz said of Evans. "I'm not surprised that a lot of clubs expressed an interest. I recognize that it's going to be a real bidding contest, perhaps even an unrealistic bidding war for a 36-year-old."

Evans' demands figure to be substantial, probably a four- or five-year contract in the neighborhood of \$700,000 to \$800,000 a year.

Aikens, Willie Wilson and two former Royals—Vida Blue

and Jerry Martin—face sentencing November 17 in Kansas City, Kan., federal court after pleading guilty to misdemeanor charges stemming from a state-wide drug investigation. . . . Former major league first baseman Lee May has been hired as the organization's hitting instructor. May retired as a player after spending the 1982 season with the Royals. . . . Bill Fischer also returns to the organization as minor league pitching coach. Fischer held the position until he left in 1979 to become pitching coach for Cincinnati. . . . George Brett has signed to endorse the line of baseball equipment made by Schaper Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis. Brett will be featured in toy-trade publications.

MIKE FISH

Piersall Loses Another Job

CHICAGO—The Chicago White Sox were relieved of their chief antagonist recently when radio station WMAQ, not wishing to be caught in the middle of a personal feud between Jimmy Piersall and Manager Tony LaRussa, relieved Piersall of his postgame show.

Piersall, who used to team with Harry Caray (now with the Cubs) on the Sox' TV-radio team, thinks his dismissal was the work of Jerry Reinsdorf, co-owner of the White Sox.

"I asked if my work was poor. They said it was fine, but they were unhappy about the relationship I had with LaRussa and the owners," said Piersall.

"I've got to think there was more to it than meets the eye, because Reinsdorf had been unhappy with me. He had been trying to get me fired for two years. Everyone thinks it was Einhorn (club President Eddie Einhorn) who fired me from SportsVision (the Sox' pay-TV operation), but it was Reinsdorf. Remember, he's the one who called me 'scum.'"

Einhorn said, "The only person who loses jobs for Jimmy Piersall is Jimmy Piersall. He has been losing jobs for himself his whole life. It's as inevitable as rain."

LaRussa had no sympathy for Piersall. "He's an entertainer; he's not a baseball man," he said.

Einhorn then took aim at WGN-TV, which he believes "blackmailed" the club into a buyout of a contract carried over from the Bill Veeck era—a buyout that brought WGN a large profit.

"When we bought the team (early 1981), we inherited a contract that paid us \$6,000 per game. Now we make \$30,000," said Einhorn. "We made \$360,000 in television fees in 1981 while the Yankees made \$5 million, the Mets \$3 million and the Dodgers and Angels somewhere in between \$2½ and \$3 million."

"The Tribune Company (owner of WGN-TV) made a net profit of \$2½ to \$3 million. They ripped us off."

Jim Dowdle, president and chief executive officer of Tribune Co. Broadcasting, called the charge "ludicrous."

Piersall will look for another on-air job while completing a book entitled "The Truth Hurts." . . . Promoted to the 40-man roster were outfielders Daryl Boston and Dave Yobbs, third baseman Mike Sodders and lefthanded pitcher Bob Fallon.

Chris Nyman's contract to play in Japan with the Nankai Hawks was not for four years for \$425,000, as reported, but for two years for a total of \$430,000. . . . LaRussa said he will not use his manager of the year awards as a contract renegotiation tool. "Ethics," he said.

JOE GODDARD

Mariners Searching for a Catcher

SEATTLE—The Seattle Mariners selected a dozen players in the re-entry draft, but it's a player they didn't draft who holds one of the keys to their 1984 season.

Seattle needs a catcher. But by the time the draft arrived, only Milwaukee's Ted Simmons was unsigned. And Simmons, while boasting the bat the Mariners need, wasn't considered to possess the defensive tools Seattle also seeks.

"The first priority is probably throwing people out," General Manager Hal Keller said of Seattle's quest to find a catcher. "But you'd like to get some offense, too."

Last season, opposing runners were successful on 131 of 186 stolen-base attempts.

"I wouldn't say it's a do-or-die thing," Keller said of signing a catcher. "We won 76 the other year (1982), and the catching wasn't outstanding, either. But it's a very important thing."

"It's damned important," added Mariners President Chuck Armstrong.

Keller indicated that the Mariners are talking with four or five clubs about deals involving a catcher. Keller has said there are no untouchables on the current roster, but there is a nucleus of players he will break up only as a last resort.

Although the search is on, Keller hasn't given up on the youngsters the Mariners now have—Orlando Mercado and Jamie Nelson. Mercado batted .197 in 66 games and Nelson .219 in 40. Neither had great success throwing out runners. But Mercado is only 22 and Nelson 24.

Seattle has signed a working agreement with Salinas of the Class-A California League to replace Bakersfield as the Mariners' affiliate.

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Expos Change Directions in Draft

MONTREAL—Montreal Expos President and General Manager John McHale calls it the "craziest draft I have attended."

McHale was talking about the eighth re-entry draft. "It was totally unpredictable," said McHale. "You think you have an idea which way clubs are going. Then they change directions."



The Expos switched game plans, too. They drafted through the first eight rounds, passed in the ninth, selected in 10 and 11, then passed again in the 12th before making a final pick in round 13. Originally, McHale had indicated the Expos might draft as few as six players.

"We had a lot of talks Sunday (the day before the draft)," McHale said of telephone discussions with Manager Bill Virdon and others. "And Eddie (special assignment scout Lopat, who accompanied McHale to New York for the draft) made suggestions."

McHale said the Expos would not actively pursue any of the 11 players they chose.

"What we have here is a list of players who we can negotiate in case we don't get what we want through trades. Then again we may have to fill in spots vacated by players we have to trade," he said. "This was more of an insurance-type draft."

Of the four Expos who tested the free-agent waters, only lefthanded pitcher Dan Schatzeder commands compensation after being drafted by eight teams. Warren Cromartie, after being selected first in the draft by Seattle, was chosen only twice more. Manny Trillo was selected twice, and Jerry White didn't have a nibble.

This means Cromartie, Trillo and White can deal with any club they wish. Should Schatzeder sign with another club, the Expos will be compensated with an amateur choice. However, the Expos retained the rights to deal with the southpaw and hope to have him back.

As expected, the Expos concentrated on players who can beef up the bench, taking utility players Denny Walling and Derrel Thomas in the first two rounds.

"Bill likes Walling," said McHale, noting that Virdon utilized Walling at first base, left field, right field and as a pinch-hitter when he managed the Astros.

Cromartie was able to shield his disappointment at being selected only three times. "The way I look at it, three times is better than two. Three is better than one, and it sure as hell is better than none," he said.

IAN MacDONALD

Bucs Hope to Keep Tekulve, Parker

PITTSBURGH—Kent Tekulve found the free-agent market bullish. Dave Parker was among the big-name players whose value dipped in the market.

So much for the re-entry draft.

The Pittsburgh Pirates now will renew their efforts to sign Tekulve, the 36-year-old relief specialist, and Parker, the 32-year-old former superstar.



General Manager Pete Peterson, who selected 10 players in the draft, plans to resume negotiations with Tom Reich and Bill Landman, agents for both Tekulve and Parker. If Peterson can't sign Tekulve, he may shoot for bigger game—a goose named Gossage.

Peterson says he will bid higher for Gossage than he did for Tekulve because "Gossage is on a high level."

Peterson said he thinks only two teams selected Parker because they are "leery of him."

"In the last three years, he's had only one good half," Peterson said. "But he is a fine player, and we hope to sign him."

Much depends on how Parker feels about remaining with the Pirates. Whether he has wanted to stay or leave usually has seemed to depend on his mood.

One day last August, Parker said he didn't want to leave Pittsburgh. Then, he said he couldn't wait to get out of town.

"There's a market out there for Dave Parker," he said. The market was two clubs, Cincinnati and Seattle.

Tekulve was drafted by a dozen clubs. A few days before the draft, he was offered a revised contract by the Bucs. The figure was rumored to be \$800,000 annually, which would have been an increase of nearly 100 percent. Tekulve wanted a four-year pact, and it's believed the Pirates offered one for three years.

Tekulve knows he is a second banana to Gossage in the draft. It has been rumored that Gossage is seeking a long-term pact worth \$1.5 million annually. If Gossage gets his gold, Tekulve should be able to pick up \$1 million a year from some club.

Meanwhile, Peterson, who drafted Darrell Evans, a lefthanded power hitter, and Ted Simmons, a switch-hitter, says he is looking for "a righthanded power hitter."

To acquire one, Peterson must look toward the trade market. Jack Clark is still available at a big price. The Mets are trying to give away Dave Kingman. And there's Gary Matthews in Philadelphia. But the chances of the Pirates and their intrastate rivals making a major deal are remote.

The Pirates continue to make changes in the front office. Steve Greenberg, no relation to Hall of Famer Hank Green-

berg, has been promoted to assistant to the vice-president of marketing after being director of group sales for several years. Newcomer Frank Gilbert has been appointed director of promotions. Gilbert, a graduate of Duquesne University, had worked for seven years in the front office of the Maine Mariners, a minor-league hockey team.

CHARLEY FEENEY

Could Smith Be Traded After All?

CHICAGO—After the re-entry draft, Chicago Cubs fans were scratching their heads about the future. If Lee Smith is being touted as the best relief pitcher in the National League, why did the Cubs pick Kent Tekulve and Dale Murray in the first two rounds?

Could it be that Smith, supposedly the only untouchable on the team, will be used to get a top-notch starting pitcher if the Cubs sign either or both of those relief pitchers?



"There was some importance in our taking Tekulve and Murray first, but only from the standpoint of their strengths," said John Cox, top aide to General Manager Dallas Green, who was on vacation. "It's the same old story: Go for the best. If something should develop where we would get either to go with Lee, it would put our bullpen in the awesome category."

It also would make possible what could be an awesome trade for much-needed starting pitching. With their other draft choices, the Cubs chose outfielders Derrel Thomas and Dennis Walling and starting pitchers Lary Sorensen and Milt Wilcox. Neither of those pitchers fit the No. 1 mold Green is seeking.

The Cubs could have been hurt in the draft when Los Angeles lefthander Jerry Reuss re-signed. He certainly would have been the Cubs' first pick instead of Tekulve.

Green, who labeled the draft as slim, nonetheless said, "We're going to have to make changes, especially in pitching. Some fans will think we got taken again; we'll probably have to pay more than we want to."

The payment could come in money, or it could come in bodies. Smith undoubtedly could bring the No. 1 starter Green believes the Cubs need. So could Tekulve, or perhaps even Murray, if either was signed by the Cubs.

The Cubs won the Arizona Instructional League title. . . .



When the Cubs picked relievers Kent Tekulve and Dale Murray in the re-entry draft, it stirred questions about Lee Smith's future with the club.

Signed to 1984 pacts were pitchers Rick Reuschel, who ended the season as the club's best starter, and Mike Chris, the lefthander acquired on waivers from San Francisco September 30.

DAVE van DYCK

Hoscheit Is Named Bullpen Coach

NEW YORK—Vern Hoscheit has been named the New York Mets' bullpen coach, completing the coaching staff that Manager Dave Johnson will employ in his first season at the helm.

Hoscheit was a scout and minor-league camp coordinator from 1962-67, a coach with the Baltimore Orioles in 1968 and a member of the Oakland A's coaching staff from 1969-74, during which time the A's won three straight world championships.

He has nine years of minor-league managing experience, including last season, when he directed the Mets' Sarasota team in the Gulf Coast League.

Already named to the Mets' coaching staff for next year were Frank Howard, Bobby Valentine, Bill Robinson and Mel Stottlemyre.

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Braves Begin Chasing the Goose

ATLANTA—The Atlanta Braves are not camouflaging their intentions in any way. They want the Goose. Badly.

The Braves began courting reliever Goose Gossage immediately after selecting him in the first round of the re-entry draft. Gossage, 32, won 13 games and saved 22 for the New York Yankees last season.



"We're going right after him," Braves General Manager John Mullen said several hours after the draft. "I've already talked with his agent (Jerry Kapstein of San Diego), and we'll be talking frequently. I may make a trip to San Diego."

"Generally speaking, these top guys don't sign quickly. It's a long process, but we're not going to let any grass grow under our feet. We'll give it our best shot."

The Braves made only one other selection in the draft, reliever Kent Tekulve, who had 18 saves for Pittsburgh last season. They plan to bid seriously for Tekulve, 36, only if they lose the bidding war for Gossage. The Braves are guardedly optimistic about their chances of landing Gossage.

"Sometimes, factors happen you have no control over," Mullen said. "Like last year, with Floyd Bannister, the reason he signed with the White Sox was that he had some friends on that team and felt comfortable there. There was nothing anybody could do about that."

But the Braves are hoping that Gossage's friendship with Atlanta reliever Terry Forster helps their case. Gossage and Forster were White Sox teammates. Mullen has solicited Forster's help in recruiting Gossage.

If the Braves sign Gossage or Tekulve, they are expected to move Steve Bedrosian from the bullpen to the starting rotation next season. But if the Braves sign neither Gossage nor Tekulve, they appear to have a gaping hole in their pitching staff—either in the starting rotation (if Bedrosian remains in the bullpen) or in the bullpen (if Bedrosian moves to the starting rotation). In either case, the Braves must count on Bedrosian to pitch a lot better than he did during the final six weeks last season, a span in which he had a 7.32 earned-run average.

The Braves had no interest in any of the starting pitchers in the free-agent pool, although they had been gearing up to bid for lefthander Jerry Reuss before he re-signed with Los Angeles. The Braves also passed on all of the available non-pitchers.

Summarizing the draft, Mullen said, "To me, the biggest surprise was to have 29 of the 45 free agents not drafted by at least four clubs."

The Braves denied it, but there were rumors they would talk to Philadelphia about the availability of ex-Brave pitcher Ron Reed. . . . In just six big-league seasons, Dale Murphy already has taken over second place in the Atlanta career record book for home runs, runs batted in, runs scored, total bases and extra-base hits. Henry Aaron, of course, leads in all those categories. . . . The Braves, despite their righthanded power, had a losing record (22-25) against lefthanded pitching last season.

TIM TUCKER

Dodgers Say Brock's Still on First

LOS ANGELES—Greg Brock is still the Los Angeles Dodgers' first baseman, insists Vice-President Al Campanis.

"Brock is not going to be put aside," Campanis said. Campanis' statement came immediately following the free-agent re-entry draft on November 7, when Campanis selected four players, three of whom play first base.



"We have not signed anyone," Campanis said. "There are a lot of things we can do. We're entitled to draft these players and see what happens down the road."

Down the road is Franklin Stubbs, the Dodgers' No. 1 draft pick in 1982.

But for now, says Campanis, it's Brock, who as a rookie hit only .224 in 1983. Even so, the Dodgers selected San Francisco's Darrell Evans, Houston's Dennis Walling and Detroit's Enos Cabell in the re-entry draft. They also selected lefthanded pitcher Dan Schatzeder of Montreal.

The Dodgers are among 17 clubs in the hunt for Evans, who, at 36, cracked 30 homers in 1983 (Brock, 26, hit 20).

The Dodgers already have paid big money this year—\$4.4 million to Jerry Reuss, \$3.75 million to Rick Honeycutt, more than \$2 million to Ken Landreaux and \$1 million to Manager Tom Lasorda—and Campanis insists he won't spend that much to land Evans, who reportedly earned \$250,000 last season.

"If it's going to be a big auction, or he wants too many years, we aren't interested," said Campanis, who had talked with Evans' agent, Jerry Kapstein, prior to the draft.

"Everything isn't money," Campanis added, pulling what he hopes is an ace out of his sleeve. "We have a beautiful ball park, great weather and a competitive club. I don't think any other club has a better opportunity."

Evans, like Cabell, also plays third base, which brings up another interesting situation: Pedro Guerrero.

"I'm not saying we'd do it," Campanis said, "but Guerrero could be moved back to the outfield."

Everything is speculative. The Dodgers merely drafted the players; they hadn't signed anyone. Brock is still the first baseman—for now.

Evans is the most productive active lefthanded home-run hitter against Los Angeles, lifetime (31) and in Dodger Stadium (15). The only lefthanded slugger who hit more homers against the Dodgers was Willie McCovey (37). . . . The Dodgers will maintain the same price scale for tickets in 1984: \$6 for boxes, \$5 for reserved seats, \$3 for general admission and \$2 for children (general admission). . . . Lasorda and shortstop Bill Russell appeared on the television show "Hee Haw."

GORDON VERRELL

Astros Viewed Draft With Caution

HOUSTON—Influenced both by their success last season and the relatively weak selection of players available, the Houston Astros took a cautious approach to this year's re-entry draft.

The Astros, who had been active in past years, selected only three players—infielder Darrell Evans of San Francisco, utilityman Derrel Thomas of Los Angeles and former Astros third and first baseman Enos Cabell of Detroit.



After the draft, Andy MacPhail, assistant to General Manager Al Rosen, hinted the club would not get involved in a bidding war for any of the three players.

"These are not 'must-have' players," said MacPhail, who represented the team at the draft in New York. "These are players we think can help in certain ways."

Unless the Astros trade third baseman Phil Garner or first baseman Ray Knight, both Evans and Cabell would be viewed as Houston reserves. Both view themselves as full-time players.

Thomas, one of the game's most versatile players, is rumored to want as much as \$500,000 per year. That could put the Astros out of the running.

"He is a switch-hitter with speed and versatility," said MacPhail. "It depends on how much you're willing to pay for that. You can't go overboard."

The selection of Cabell, the most valuable player on the Astros in 1978, was a bit of a surprise. Cabell was traded to San Francisco for lefthanded pitcher Bob Knepper after the 1980 season. In 1983, Cabell hit .311 with five homers and 46 runs batted in while playing a part-time role for the Tigers.

"In Enos' case, we're looking for a righthanded bat in selective situations against lefthanded pitching," said MacPhail.

The Astros retained the rights to infielder-outfielder Denny Walling, who was selected by eight other teams, and relief pitcher Frank LaCorte, chosen by seven. If the Astros re-sign Walling, their top reserve for the past five seasons, they would have little use for either Evans or Cabell.

The Astros did not retain the rights to infielder Art Howe or pitcher J.R. Richard. Neither player was selected by any club. Richard has not pitched in the majors since suffering a major stroke in 1980. If he is signed, it likely would be to be a minor-league contract. "We're free to talk to J.R.," said MacPhail. "It's time for J.R. to take a hard look at his goals and for the club to evaluate its posture concerning what's best for J.R."

NEIL HOHLFELD

Defense May Be Top Priority in '84

SAN FRANCISCO—A warning has been sounded by the San Francisco Giants: If you want to play for them, you'd better place as much emphasis on your fielding as your hitting.

The Giants, whose 171 errors were the most in the National League this year, stressed their displeasure at good-hit, no-field performers by removing Chris Smith and Wallace Johnson from their future plans.



Smith, who led the Pacific Coast League with a .379 average, was granted his release so he could sign with Japan's Yakult Swallows. Johnson, who once batted .352 in the American Association, was sold to Triple-A Phoenix.

The recent transactions mean the Giants received virtually nothing following a pair of 1983 trades with Montreal. Smith was swapped by the Expos for Jim Wohlford, and Johnson joined the Giants in exchange for Mike Vail.

More significantly, the paring of Smith and Johnson from the roster strongly suggests Manager Frank Robinson regards defense a top priority for 1984. He wasn't excited about the Smith and Johnson deals from the start.

Johnson played only seven games for the Giants, getting only one start at second base. Smith played 22 games for San Francisco, mostly at first base, but even a .328 major-league average couldn't change Robinson's mind.

"We can't afford to keep one-dimensional players," Robinson said. Allowing Smith and Johnson to get away emphasized that point. With Darrell Evans in the free-agent pool and Joel Youngblood likely shifting back to the outfield, the Giants desperately need both a first and second baseman for 1984.

Pitcher Jim Barr was under the impression he was eligible for free agency, too, but a technicality in the rule means he is Giants property. . . . The club retained its rights to Evans, but insiders insist the Giants won't try hard to sign him.

. . . Pitchers Mark Dempsey and Pat Larkin also were sold to Phoenix, opening four spots on the 40-man roster.

NICK PETERS

Parker May Wind Up in Hometown

CINCINNATI—The Cincinnati Reds selected an unprecedented five players—outfielders Dave Parker and Ruppert Jones, infielder Darrell Evans and pitchers Kent Tekulve and Dan Schatzeder—in the annual re-entry draft.

It is believed that Parker and Schatzeder will be Reds President Bob Howsam's primary targets.



Parker's agent, Tom Reich, says the Reds' signing the 6-5, 230-pound native Cincinnati is a "definite possibility."

"Cincinnati is one of Parker's preferences," said Reich. "Dave made that clear to me last year when he asked the Pittsburgh Pirates to trade him."

Tekulve, who has been king of the Pirates' bullpen since 1976, was "surprised but flattered" to learn he had been drafted by the Reds.

The Reds were one of 12 clubs to draft the righthander, one of the game's premier relievers. Only two clubs, the Reds and the Seattle Mariners, drafted the 32-year-old Parker.

"No, I wasn't surprised that only two clubs selected Dave," said Reich. "There was a lot of watching around at the draft session. It has been that way the last few years. There's no urgency in drafting a player who's not getting a lot of attention. Any club can deal with one who is selected by three or less teams. And, if a club signs such a player, it doesn't even have to give up an amateur draft choice as compensation."

Reich said Parker, who won National League batting titles in 1977 and '78, demonstrated to Pirate fans during the second half of the 1983 season that he was again playing good ball.

"The Pirates wrote Dave a very nice letter at the end of the season, thanking him for giving them a super effort," Reich said. "Dave has gotten himself back into super shape. He has been working out regularly in a Pittsburgh health center since the end of the season."

"Because we selected five players in no way reflects upon the talent we think we have on our club now," Howsam said. "We think we have good players on our roster. The younger ones have another year of experience. They're more mature now. We feel, though, that the players we drafted have the potential to help us. And we feel, too, we have as good a chance of signing them as anyone."

The Reds added five players to the 40-man roster: pitchers Curt Heidenreich, Mike Smith and John Franco, infielder Wade Rowdon and outfielder Paul O'Neill. The Reds outrighted pitchers Keefe Cato and Mike Dowless and outfielders Chub Little and Jeff Jones to Indianapolis (American Association). Waivers were asked on veteran righthander Rich Gale for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release.

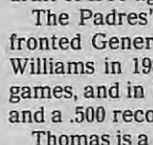
EARL LAWSON

Thomas Could Return to San Diego

SAN DIEGO—During the past five seasons, Dodger Manager Tommy Lasorda has had at least one advantage over his San Diego Padres counterparts.

If any of his regulars came up lame, Lasorda had an able replacement in Derrel Thomas. The Padres could have used Thomas the past two seasons, when injuries befell shortstop Garry Templeton, second baseman Juan Bonilla, first baseman Steve Garvey, left fielder Tony Gwynn, center fielder Ruppert Jones and right fielder Sixto Lezcano.

"Darrel would be more important to us now than he was six years ago," Padre President Ballard Smith said after the Padres identified Thomas as their sixth and final selection in the annual re-entry draft of free agents.



The Padres' lack of bench strength is a problem that confronted General Manager Jack McKeon and Manager Dick Williams in 1982, when injuries led to 45 losses in the last 76 games, and in 1983, when the club had to settle for fourth place and a .500 record for the second year in a row.

Thomas is a 32-year-old switch-hitter, and the Padres admire his versatility.

"I consider myself the best utility player in baseball. But the Dodgers didn't even make me an offer, and I don't know why," Thomas said after ending a five-year association with the Dodgers. "Every team needs someone like me. The Braves have Jerry Royster. The Pirates have Lee Lacy. The Mets have Bob Bailor. The Cardinals have Mike Ramsey. The Dodgers had the best and let it get away."

Thomas, who has a career batting average of .250, earned \$160,000 last season. He left the Padres to sign with Los Angeles as a free agent at the end of the 1978 campaign and helped the Dodgers win two National League West titles and a world championship.

"I would like to stay in California, and I would really enjoy playing for the Padres again," said Thomas, who spent his first three full seasons in the majors (1972-73-74) with San Diego and three years with San Francisco before returning to the Padres in 1978.

Thomas' agent, Steve Greenberg, conferred with the Padres just before the re-entry draft. There have been reports that Thomas seeks a five-year, \$2.5 million contract and indications that the Padres consider that an excessive wage for a reserve.

PHIL COLLIER

Allison Figures He Has a Title Coming

By TOM HIGGINS

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—It didn't start as if 1983 was going to be Bobby Allison's most glorious year in NASCAR Grand National stock-car racing.

Before the green flag ever fell for the season-opening Daytona 500, the circuit's first event with a \$1 million purse, Allison already had destroyed two cars. And he was starting 35th in a 42-car field in a third-choice Chevrolet that had been brought hastily to Florida from his DiGard team's shop in Charlotte.

Allison, a 45-year-old veteran from Hueytown, Ala., was in this position because of two violent Daytona International Speedway wrecks, one in the Busch Clash for 1982 pole winners and another less than 24 hours later in practice at the 2.5-mile track. Amazingly, he was not hurt in either of the February crashes.

Allison drove the backup Chevy to ninth place in the Daytona 500, beginning a run that was to lead him into a strong position to capture his first Grand National championship in 18 years of trying. Entering the season finale, the Winston Western 500 on November 20 at Riverside, Calif., Allison leads archrival Darrell Waltrip by 64 points. If Allison finishes 13th or better on the 2.62-mile road course, he is the champion, no matter what the finish is for Waltrip, who rallied past Allison in both 1981 and '82 for the title, estimated to be worth \$500,000, counting endorsements and so forth.

Allison and his crew, led by Gary Nelson and Robert Yates, had another adversity to overcome early in the season in addition to the loss of two cars at Daytona. They decided to switch from Chevrolets to Buicks just four races into the 30-event schedule. It was an undertaking most others considered a major mistake.

However, the DiGard outfit did it with no obvious ill effects. "That we were able to make the switch and not lose any competitive edge is testimony to Bobby's leadership and determination—especially determination," Nelson said in retrospect.

That Allison was able to come back and contend for the championship after such a bizarre start is just one of many incidents making 1983 perhaps the most unusual in stock-car racing in years.

The other incidents include:

- Cale Yarborough calling his last-lap, victorious passing shot for CBS-TV's national audience in the Daytona 500. Yarborough's Pontiac, also a backup car pressed into service when Cale flipped spectacularly in qualifying, was equipped with a radio that enabled him to talk with anchorman Ken Squier.

- All-time victory leader Richard Petty stopping a non-winning streak at 42 races, one short of his famous car number, with a triumph in the Carolina 500 at the North Carolina Motor Speedway in Rockingham in March.

- Yarborough pacing a heavy assault on the 200-mph barrier at Talladega, Ala., in May's Winston 500. The top six qualifiers bettered that speed, led by Yarborough at a record 202.65 mph.

- Neil Bonnett giving the RahMoc team of Charlotte, led by Bob Rahilly and Butch Mock, its first-ever Grand National victory. The triumph came in a "Triple Crown" race, the World 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway in May. . . . Ricky Rudd capturing his first victory ever, also the first for the Richard Childress Racing organization, just a week later at Riverside, Calif., in the Budweiser 400.

- A gambling Buddy Baker, going full bore and stretching his Wood Brothers' Ford's fuel to the limit, taking the Firecracker 400 in July at Daytona Beach, Fla. Baker's gamble was accentuated when his top challengers, Terry Labonte and Ron Bouchard, ran out of gas in the final laps.

- NASCAR ordering a major rule change in midseason, removing rev kits from engines, much to the anger of leading car owners and crew chiefs. However, the decision proved a solid one, decreasing the number of blown engines dramatically.

- A torrid controversy between Waltrip and Allison, spiced by hot words from the legendary Junior Johnson, after the Talladega 500 in late July. Waltrip and his car owner, Johnson, felt Allison—although several laps behind—blocked them in a last-lap duel for the checkered flag with Dale Earnhardt.

- Allison's victory in the storied Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C., in a race run in perhaps the hottest conditions ever. The temperature was 104 degrees, and humidity was 87 percent. Many drivers had to ask for relief and collapsed from heat exhaustion after being helped from their cars. Allison's crew enabled him to go the distance by using an air chisel to cut a 10-inch gash in his car's roof, improving ventilation. The "sun roof" incident resulted in a \$500 fine against the DiGard team. It was the first of three straight Allison triumphs, blunting another Waltrip charge from far back in the standings, cutting a 202-point deficit to only 47.

- Petty's victory in the Miller 500 at Charlotte, allowed to stand although his Pontiac was found to have an illegally oversized engine and illegal tires. While Petty got the win, he was fined a record \$35,000 and denied 104 points toward postseason bonuses. Petty contended he knew nothing about the oversized engine or tires until told immediately after the race while en route to victory lane with crewmen. They had done it, said Petty, to keep up with other teams they felt were cheating.

- The usual end-of-season, ride-jumping parade, highlighted by the stunning announcement that, after 25 years, Petty was leaving his family-owned team. Petty, 46, said he planned to join a team owned by Mike Curb, the Republican Party's national finance chairman, in 1984. Operation of Petty Enter-

prises is to pass to his driver son, Kyle. Others going to new rides included Geoff Bodine, Bonnett, Earnhardt and Rudd.

It was also a year that produced a modern record for most different winners (11).

Heading into the Riverside showdown, Allison and Waltrip were tied for the lead in victories with six each. Other drivers on the win list included Petty, Yarborough, Baker, Rudd, Earnhardt, Bonnett, Tim Richmond, Labonte and Harry Gant.

Allison and Waltrip already had won about \$600,000 each.

Allison and the DiGard team worked into their strong position by improving tremendously on the so-called "short tracks," those of less than a mile in length. In 1982 Allison lost 431 points to Waltrip on the smaller layouts. But the difference in '83 was only 32 points.

While Allison and Co. were catching up, Waltrip was a shut-

out victim on the big superspeedway ovals for the first time since 1976.

However, Waltrip once again was the winner of the most pole positions (six), earning a \$25,000 bonus from Busch beer for the team co-owned by Johnson and Warner Hodgdon.

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Waltrip could celebrate the new deal by overcoming his deficit to Allison at Riverside.

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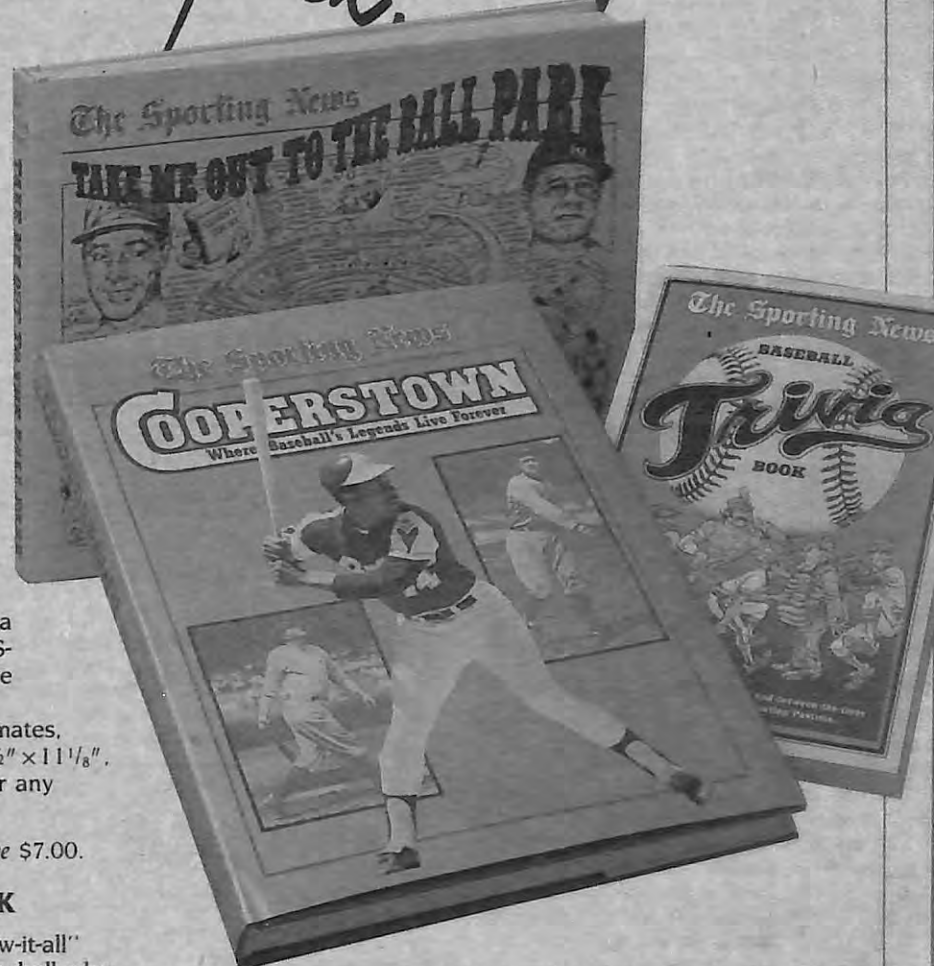
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N.L. East

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Howard was a Mets coach before he became the team's manager in midseason last year, while Valentine will return as the third-base coach. Robinson will serve as the batting instructor and Stottlemire as the pitching coach.

The Mets didn't pick anyone in the re-entry draft. General Manager Frank Cashen felt what he wants, a lefthanded pitcher and an experienced catcher, were unavailable. "We have a deal going for a lefthanded pitcher that we feel we can make," Gorman said. . . . Jesse Orosco was the only Met mentioned in the Most Valuable Player voting. The lefthander also finished third in the Cy Young balloting. . . . Ron Darling has passed up the chance to finish at Yale in order to remain in New York, where he will study under Tom Seaver in three workouts per week at Shea Stadium.

JACK LANG

Tekulve Is Phillies' No. 1 Target

PHILADELPHIA—The Philadelphia Phillies say they are going to try hard to sign free-agent reliever Kent Tekulve. But, realistically, they know their chances are slim.

"We're going to make every effort to sign Tekulve, and it's going to cost a lot of money," said Phils President Bill Giles after the November 7 re-entry draft. "Our only concern is we cannot pay him more than Steve Carlton, John Denny or Al Holland. We understand he would like to pitch for the Phillies, but we're not going to get into a bidding war."



Tekulve reportedly turned down an offer from his current team, Pittsburgh, for an estimated \$800,000. The Phils' highest-paid pitcher is Carlton, who will earn \$1 million in 1984. Denny, the 1983 National League Cy Young Award winner, will get \$600,000, Holland less than \$500,000.

Tekulve, 36, has saved 145 games in eight seasons for the Pirates, including 18 in 1983.

In addition to Tekulve, the Phils also drafted Houston right-hander Frank LaCorte, Chicago White Sox lefthander Jerry Koosman and Montreal lefthander Dan Schatzeder.

"The length of contract doesn't bother us," said Giles. "We're not afraid to give Tekulve three or four years despite his age. Schatzeder has been more of a reliever, but he could be converted. Koosman is a starter, and he's a friend of Carlton's. But we've been told he wants to remain in the Midwest."

Giles and Manager Paul Owens were surprised LaCorte was drafted by seven clubs. He has a 22-42 career record, a 4.89 career earned-run average and 26 career saves.

If the Phils honor Ron Reed's request and trade him to Atlanta, they probably will go after LaCorte.

Ray Shore, 62, who resigned from the Cincinnati Reds after 23 years, the last 16 spent as a major-league advance scout, signed with the Phils as their special assignment scout. Shore

will scout American League clubs the first half of the season and switch to the N.L. the second half. . . . The Phils released pitcher Larry Christenson on November 4. Christenson, plagued by injuries most of his career, twice underwent reconstructive surgery on his right elbow last summer.

HAL BODLEY

Herzog Gets New Three-Year Pact

ST. LOUIS—For the first time in his managerial career, Whitey Herzog had a losing record for a full season when the St. Louis Cardinals plunged from a world championship in 1982 into the second division of the National League East in '83.

But Cardinal President Gussie Busch had seen enough before that. Herzog, who had a year left on an existing three-year contract, was signed, with an increase in salary, to a new three-year contract that will extend through 1986.

Busch said, "In my opinion and that of Cardinal senior management, Whitey is the best field manager in the major leagues. With Whitey in the dugout, we know we are starting with the best at the top—a situation which reinforces our confidence in the team for the 1984 season and beyond."

Herzog has said repeatedly that he would never manage another team except the Cardinals, but he said, "I'll manage them as long as Mr. Busch wants me to. There's going to come a time when I'll say, 'Hey, maybe I should take this little part-time job.' But as bad as this year was, I still enjoy it."

Salary figures weren't announced, but it is believed Herzog is making about \$275,000 a year, which might put him second behind the Los Angeles Dodgers' Tommy Lasorda.

"He should make more," said Herzog. "They draw more people. But I can't complain."

Replacing Ken Boyer as the Cardinals' manager in 1980, Herzog had a 38-35 record that year before stepping up to general manager to replace John Claiborne. When Herzog the general manager was looking for a new manager, he didn't look beyond his own locker.

Herzog directed the Cardinals to the N.L. East's best record—with no spoils—in the split 1981 season and then managed St. Louis' first world champion in 15 years in 1982.

The 79-83 record he had this year was his worst for a full season although the Cardinals still were very much in the pennant race with two weeks to go.

"I'd really hate to get into a position where you'd be out of it by August," Herzog said. "That would kill you. The first year I managed (Texas in 1973), I got lucky. I got fired the eighth of September."

Herzog was 47-91 at Texas and was 2-2 as an interim manager at California in 1974 before being hired by the Kansas City Royals in 1975. He never had a losing season with the Royals, winning three division titles, but he considered his 1979 second-place team his best effort as a manager.

The Royals finished 85-77 that year, and Herzog said, "We didn't have any pitching at all."

A.L. East

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Tigers Change Tune, Chase Evans

DETROIT—For five straight years, the Detroit Tigers sent a representative to the re-entry draft to say one word: pass.

When they finally changed their routine, finding someone they wanted to draft, everybody else had the same idea.

Joining 16 other teams, the Tigers drafted San Francisco's Darrell Evans—their first participation in the free-agent draft since 1977. They've signed free agents before, such as Tito Fuentes and Jerry Turner, but avoided all bidding wars.

Now they find themselves in one, happily. "We're serious about going after Evans," said General Manager Bill Lajoie. "We wouldn't have selected him if we weren't going to put in a competitive bid."

But what about all the years of silence in the free-agent market? The Tigers looked as if they detested the process.

"It's never been a policy set in cement," said Lajoie. "The difference now is that we're coming off a season of 92 wins and feel we'll be right in there again. It's just a matter of plugging a few holes."

First base and third base, to be precise. Since Evans plays both positions, he was quite appealing to the Tigers—not to mention that he hits lefthanded, and they need a power hitter who consistently can find the right-field seats in Tiger Stadium.

While the Tigers drafted Evans, they also retained the negotiating rights to all three of their players who entered the draft. Lajoie changed his mind about negotiating with pitcher Milt Wilcox and reopened discussions with the veteran righthander after the draft.

Wilcox said he would like to stay in Detroit but will listen to offers from the seven clubs that drafted him. Enos Cabell was selected by five clubs and reliever Doug Bair by two, enhancing the possibility of his returning to Detroit next season.

The progress of Cuban-born Barbaro Garbey could dictate some winter moves for the Tigers. He hit .321 for Evansville last season and can play both first and third base.

TOM GAGE

After the season, Herzog also didn't have a job, but he remained unemployed for just a few months. Now he has all the security a manager could want—or probably ever get.

The Cardinals made only three selections in the re-entry draft—pitchers Jerry Koosman and Dennis Lamp of the Chicago White Sox and utilityman Derrel Thomas of the Los Angeles Dodgers. General Manager Joe McDonald said, "I don't believe in the draft just for the sake of taking people. That's why we took only three. We have fairly good reports on the three players we took. But there's certainly no No. 1 pitcher there by any means, nor would Derrel Thomas be a regular for us." . . . The Cardinals, because they lost pitcher Steve Mura from the compensation pool last year, can't lose a player for two years unless they sign a Type A player, which Lamp is.

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A.L. West

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ners' entry in that league. . . . Five hours before the deadline for signing re-entry draft candidates, Seattle thought it had a deal with outfielder Steve Henderson. It fell through.

SCOTT BARRY

Bidders Cool to Carew

ANAHEIM—Rod Carew tested the free-agent market, and the results were not encouraging. He was not selected by a single team in the re-entry draft.

The California Angels did retain negotiating rights to Carew, the first basemen who batted .339.

"I'm surprised he wasn't selected," Vice-President Buzzie Bavasi said. "But it's to his benefit really. Now, any team that signs him will not have to give us compensation. The only team that's hurt is the Angels."

Theories abound as to why Carew was passed over. The two most commons ones are:

- Clubs felt his value is considerably less than his .339 batting average would indicate.

- Clubs were scared off by reports that Carew is seeking a three-year contract at \$1.5 million a year.

"I'm not privy to what goes on in the minds of various baseball officials," said Jerry Simon, Carew's attorney and brother-in-law. "Maybe they felt that because California was going to retain negotiating rights, it would be futile to bid against California. And some may have been scared off by reports in the media that he wants a million-and-a-half dollars. I don't know."

It would appear that this apathy would harm Carew's bargaining power.

"I don't know if it does or not," Simon said. "All we've ever been looking for is a reasonable agreement. Our plans are the same as they've always been. We'll try to negotiate a contract with the Angels. Rod wants to stay in California and we'll pursue that as diligently as we can."

Bavasi has repeatedly said that the Angels would like to resign Carew, but not at his asking price. The Angels reportedly were offering him a one-year contract at \$900,000.

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White Sox (\$763,663.33)—Thirty full shares of \$21,042.58 plus two 3/4 shares, two 1/4 shares, five 1/8 shares and six cash grants. (In addition, there were 10 cash grants to non-uniformed personnel.)

Uniformed Personnel: Tony LaRussa (manager); Ed Brinkman, Dave Duncan, Art Kusner, Charley Lau, Jim Leyland, Dave Nelson (coaches); Harold Baines, Floyd Ban-

nister, Salome Barojas, Britt Burns, Richard Dotson, Jerry Dybzinski, Carlton Fisk, Scott Fletcher, Jerry Hairston, Kevin Hickey, Marc Hill, LaMarr Hoyt, Jim Kern, Ron Kittle, Jerry Koosman, Dennis Lamp, Rudy Law, Vance Law, Greg Luzinski, Tom Paciorek, Mike Squires, Dick Tidrow, Greg Walker (players) each \$21,042.58. Juan Agosto, Julio Cruz (players) each \$15,781.94. Tony Bernard, Lorenzo Gray (players) each \$5,260.65. Guy Hoffman, Rusty Kuntz, Chris Nyman, Steve Mura, Dave Stegman (players) each \$2,630.32. Tim Hulett, Randy Martz, Randy Niemann, Casey Parsons, Aurelio Rodriguez, Joel Skinner (players) each \$250.

Dodgers (\$763,663.33)—Thirty-one full shares of \$19,996.38, plus one 3/4 share, one 1/2 share, three 1/4 shares, one 1/8 share and nine cash grants. (In addition, there were 17 cash grants to non-uniformed personnel.)

Uniformed Personnel: Tom Lasorda (manager); Joe Amalfitano, Monty Bassall, Mark Cresse, Manny Mota, Ron Perranoski (coaches); Dave Anderson, Dusty Baker, Joe Beckwith, Greg Brock, Pedro Guerrero, Burt Hooton, Steve Howe, Rafael Landestoy, Ken Landreaux, Candy Maldonado, Mike Marshall, Rick Monday, Jose Morales, Tom Neidenfuer, Alejandro Pena, Jerry Reuss, Bill Russell, Steve Sax, Mike Scioscia, Dave Stewart, Derral Thomas, Fernando Valenzuela, Bob Welch, Steve Yeager, Pat Zachry (players) each \$19,996.38. Ron Roenicke (player) \$14,997.29. Jack Fimple (player) \$9,998.18. Gil Reyes, Dave Sax, Alex Taveras (players) each \$6,665.46. Rick Honeycutt (player) \$4,999.09. Orel Hersher, R.J. Reynolds (players) each \$1,500. Sid Bream, Cecil Espy, Sid Fernandez, German Rivera, Rich Rodas, Larry White, Ricky Wright (players) each \$500.

Second-place finishers in the four divisions each received \$145,096.03. The Tigers voted 29 full shares of \$3,899.21, the Royals 31 full shares of \$3,689.07, the Braves 31 full shares of \$3,688.42 and the Pirates 31 full shares of \$3,694.63.

Third place in each division was worth \$38,183.17. The Yankees voted 30 full shares of \$1,013.41, the Rangers 31 full shares of \$967.68, the Expos 33 full shares of \$813.30 and the Astros 38 full shares of \$813.30.

Transactions

Baseball

Angels—Released pitcher Mickey Mahler; assigned catcher Mike O'Berry and pitchers Bob Lacey and Curt Brown to Edmonton; acquired pitchers Ron Romanick, Jay Kibbe and David Smith and infielder Pat Keedy from Edmonton.

Cubs—Assigned pitcher Alan Hargreaves to Iowa.

Indians—Assigned pitchers Tom Brennan and Jerry Reed and infielders Shanie Dugas and Kelly Gruber to Charleston, W.Va.; acquired pitcher Jose Roman, infielder Junior

Noboa and outfielders Don Carter and Randy Washington from Charleston and pitcher Rich Doyle and outfielder Dwight Taylor from Buffalo.

Mariners—Optioned pitcher Jed Murray and first baseman Jim Malar to Salt Lake City; acquired pitcher Mark Langston from Chattanooga and pitcher Mike Johnson and infielder Donnell Nixon from Bakersfield.

Mets—Assigned catcher Ron Reynolds, infielder-outfielder Clint Hurdle and outfielders Mark Bradley and Rusty Tillman to Tidewater; acquired catcher John Gibbons, pitcher Rich Pickett, infielder Kevin Mitchell and outfielders Terry Blocker and Herm Winingham from Tidewater and outfielder Lynn Dykstra from Lynchburg.

Pirates—Acquired pitcher Ravelo Manzanillo from Hawaii.

Reds—Asked waivers on pitcher Rich Gale for purpose of giving him unconditional release; assigned pitchers Keefe Cato and Mike Dowless, first baseman-outfielder Jeff Jones and outfielder Ron Little outright to Indianapolis; acquired pitchers Curt Heidenreich and John Franco from Indianapolis, pitcher Mike Smith, infielder Wade Rowdon and outfielder Paul O'Neill from Waterbury; acquired pitcher Bob Owchinko on waivers from Pirates.

Tigers—Acquired catcher Dwight Lowry and pitcher Randy O'Neal from Evansville.

Twins—Assigned pitcher Greg Field and outfielder Rusty Kuntz to Toledo; acquired outfielder Jim Weaver from Orlando.

Yankees—Assigned pitcher Scott Patterson and outfielder Rowland Office outright to Columbus, O.; acquired infielder Rex Hudler from Columbus, Mike Pagliarulo and Keith Smith from Nashville and Orestes Destrade from Fort Lauderdale.

Basketball

Bucks—Placed guard Charlie Criss (strained foot) on injured list; signed swingman Linton Townes as a free agent.

Bullets—Restored injured swingman Michael Britt to active roster and then released him.

Lakers—Released forward Mark Landsberger and guard Clay Johnson.

Pistons—Released forward Ken Austin.

76ers—Traded rights of veteran free-agent forward-center Earl Cureton to Detroit for two second-round draft choices and an undisclosed amount of cash; traded a 1984 second-round draft choice and an undisclosed amount of cash to Golden State for forward Sam Williams.

Spurs—Restored injured guard Roger Phegley to active roster; released forward-center Dave Batton.

SuperSonics—Signed center Steve Hayes as a free agent.

Warriors—Signed draft choice forward-center Russell Cross (1st round) to a multi-year contract; released guard Lorenzo Romar, restored injured guard Ron Brewer to active roster.

Football

NFL

Bears—Activated LB Gary Campbell and G Rob Fada from injured reserve; placed C Dan Neal (sciatic nerve) on injured reserve; released G Perry Hartnett; released WR James Scott from injured reserve.

Bills—Signed DE Scott Hutchinson (Buccaneers camp '82).

Broncos—Activated TE Dean Barnett from injured reserve after clearing procedural waivers; released TE Clay Brown.

Buccaneers—Activated DB Thomas Morris from injured reserve; placed DB Mike Washington (ribs) on injured reserve.

Cardinals—Signed LB Paul Davis (recently released by Giants); placed LB Bob Harris (knee) on injured reserve.

Chargers—Activated LB Cliff Thrift from injured reserve; placed S Bob Gregor (knee) on injured reserve.

Eagles—Activated WR Tony Woodruff from injured reserve after clearing procedural waivers; released TE Al Dixon.

49ers—Activated LB Gary Moten from injured reserve; released G-C John Choma.

Giants—Signed OL Al Steinfeld (recently released by Oilers); activated RB Larry Heater from injured reserve after clearing procedural waivers; placed RB Rob Carpenter (knee) on injured reserve and C Rich Umphrey (appendectomy) on reserve/non-football illness list; released RB Billy Campbell from injured reserve.

Jets—Activated RB Freeman McNeil from injured reserve; placed LB Greg Buttle (neck) on injured reserve.

Lions—Activated LB Steve Doig from injured reserve; placed LB August Curley (knee) on injured reserve.

Oilers—Released RB Curtis Brown.

Raiders—Signed DT Dave Stalls (recently released by Buccaneers); resigned QB David Humm after clearing procedural waivers; placed QB Marc Wilson (broken shoulder) on injured reserve and NT Archie Reese on reserve/non-football illness list.

Saints—Activated NT Gary Lewis from injured reserve; placed NT Tony Elliott on injured reserve.

Seahawks—Activated LB Joe Norman from injured reserve; released LB Gary Wimer.

USFL

Breakers—Acquired rights to RB David Toloumi (Falcons '82) from Gunslingers for past considerations.

Federals—Reinstated OT Donnie Green from did not report list; signed '83 draft choice DB Mike Thurman (19th, Cowboys camp '83); signed following '83 territorial protected players: OT David Sullivan (Cowboys camp '83) and LB Danny Triplett (Rams and

Browns camp '83); signed LB Joe Hines (Redskins camp '83), DBs Ray Waddy (Cardinals camp '82) and Tim Baylor (Vikings camp '80) and WR Randy Burke (Raiders camp '83).

Gamblers—Acquired rights to WR Perry Parmelee (Vikings camp '83) from Invaders for rights to RB Maurice Turner (Vikings camp '83); acquired rights to P Mike Pujol from Gunslingers for past considerations.

Generals—Acquired rights to PK Berj Yepremian (Browns camp '81) from Bandits for a draft pick; signed DE Marshall Harris (currently with Patriots), WR Willie Sydnor (Steelers and Browns camp '83), QB Chris Garrity (Federals '83) and K Chuck Bushbeck.

Gold—Acquired rights to RB Joe Curtis (Broncos camp '83) from Blitz for rights to LB Clarence Sanders (Chiefs camp '81).

Invaders—Signed TE John Thompson (Rams camp '83).

Maulers—Released RB Anthony Davis.

Showboats—Signed TE Gregg McCrary (Raiders camp '82), QB Bill Myatt (Packers camp '83), OT Jack Muller (Steelers camp '83), G Jeff Willis and LBs Vynell Henderson and Jimmy Smith (Steelers camp '83).

Stars—Signed '83 territorial FB Joel Coles (Buccaneers camp '83); signed CBs Dennis Clay (Cowboys camp '83) and Joe Stevenson (Montreal CFL camp '83), OT Curt Mohl (Breakers '83), WR T.J. Del Santo, NT Larry Sontag (Eagles camp '83), DT Rob Smith and G George Schmidt.

Wranglers—Signed C Gerry Sullivan (Browns and Bears camp '82).

Hockey

Black Hawks—Recalled center Florent Robidoux, right wingers Tom McMurphy and Dan Frawley and defenseman Darrell Anholt and Don Dietrich from Springfield.

Blues—Recalled center Alain Lemieux from Montreal.

Bruins—Recalled right wing Dave Silk from Hershey.

Devils—Assigned defenseman Murray Brumwell to Maine and recalled defenseman Bob Hoffmeyer from same club.

Kings—Assigned goaltender Mario Lesard to New Haven and recalled goaltender Gary Laskoski from same club.

North Stars—Assigned defenseman Craig Levie and Randy Velischek to Salt Lake City.

Oilers—Recalled center Reg Kerr from Moncton.

Penguins—Recalled defenseman Greg Tebbutt from Baltimore.

Rangers—Recalled left wing Rob McCann from Tulsa.

Red Wings—Recalled left wing Jody Gage from Adirondack.

Whalers—Traded goaltender Mike Velsor to Jets for goaltender Ed Staniowski, recalled defenseman Mark Paterson from Ottawa.

OBITUARIES

Andre Gist, an offensive guard with the Tampa Bay Bandits of the United States Football League and a former player at West Virginia University, was killed in a one-vehicle accident at Morgantown, W. Va., November 6. He was 25.

A sometime starter with the Bandits last season, Gist, a native of Clinton, Md., resided in Morgantown. He was a passenger in an automobile operated by another former WVU player, Mark Raugh, who was treated for minor injuries, as was a second passenger, Tina Belt, 20, of Morgantown, following the accident.

Raugh, who also lived in Morgantown, was charged with disorderly conduct following the accident and released on \$250 bond.

Lawrence Ely, a three-year football letterman at center for the University of Nebraska and an All-America selection in his final season (1932), died November 3 in Anchorage following a long illness. He was 72.

Elected to the Nebraska football hall of fame in 1974, Ely lettered with three consecutive Big Six Conference champions, was all-conference in 1931 and '32 and played in the East-West Shrine Game following the 1932 season.

Henry G. Steinbrenner, father of New York Yankees Owner George M. Steinbrenner, died November 7 in Westlake, O., following a lengthy ill-

ness. He was 79.

Steinbrenner was president of a family-owned shipping line from 1947 until 1963, when his son purchased the firm. The elder Steinbrenner stayed on as an adviser until 1979.

He was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an outstanding collegiate track performer, winning the high hurdles at the Penn Relays in 1927 after capturing the national Junior Amateur Athletic Union 220-yard dash title.

Harold J. (Whitey) Wiltse, a left-hander who had a 20-40 record with three major-league clubs in four seasons in the 1920s and early 1930s, died at his home in Bunkie, La., November 2. He was 80.

Wiltse had an 18-33 mark for the Boston Red Sox as a starting pitcher in 1926-27, was 2-7 the following season with Boston and the St. Louis Browns and appeared in one game for the Philadelphia Phillies in 1931.

He pitched in the minors for Mobile, Wichita Falls (where he was 19-9 in 1930) and San Antonio, among others.

Herschel Smith, longtime track coach at Compton (Calif.) Junior College who organized the West Coast's first invitational track meet in 1936, died October 3 in Los Angeles following a long illness. He was 78.

Smith was affiliated with the Compton Invitational until the late 1960s, and he served more than 40 years as the school's track coach.

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A Title Retained, Some Honor Regained

By BOB VERDI

LAS VEGAS—It was more of a skirmish than a war, and in the end, the only knockout at this ersatz arena behind Caesars Palace was Bo Derek.

In the latest so-called "fight of the century" Marvelous Marvin Hagler wrested a close but unanimous decision from born-again Roberto Duran November 10 to retain his undisputed world middleweight championship.

Hagler, who was something less than marvelous, needed to finish with a flourish. After 13 rounds on a crisp, cool evening, he was behind on two of the judges' cards and even on the third.

So, responding to his corner's advice that he "blow the other guy out," the bald 29-year-old from Brockton, Mass., tapped his superior physical equipment to win the 14th and 15th rounds before an audience of 14,600.

When the numbers were read, The Marvelous One learned—somewhat incredulously—of his brush with danger. Judge Guy Jutras of Canada awarded Hagler the victory 144-142, Yasaku Yoshida of Japan had it 146-145 and Ove Ovesen of Denmark scored it 144-143.

"I didn't think it was that close," said a relaxed but tired Hagler the next morning. "I saw the tape of the fight, and I gave Duran four rounds. I didn't think I was behind going into the 14th, but I didn't want to take a chance."

"I'm not disappointed. I'm proud of what I achieved. Roberto Duran is a tough man, and you have to give the man credit. But give me a little credit, too. Heck, I can't go around expecting to knock everybody out."

But many boxing experts and fans had anticipated that the younger, bigger, stronger Hagler would not require the distance to dismiss Duran, a 3½-1 underdog making his middleweight debut after toiling in the lighter divisions.

After all, since Hagler had annexed his crown by defeating Alan Minter in London on September 27, 1980, he had faced seven challengers and knocked out all of them. Hagler had fought only 40 rounds in three years, in fact, to defend his championship.

Hagler's longest test had been an 11-round success against

Mustafa Hamsho; his shortest had been 57 seconds vs. Cave-man Lee. Not since November of 1979, when he brawled with Vito Antuofermo to a controversial draw in Las Vegas, had Hagler depended on judges to render a verdict.

But in registering his 33rd straight victory, Hagler (58-2-2) was less the brawler and more of a calculating tactician. He began slowly—"I was a little tight," Hagler said—piled up points during the middle rounds, then lost his edge before closing strongly.

"I felt I was close to putting him away around the sixth round," said Hagler. "But after awhile, I had to change my plans for knocking him out. I didn't want to fight the Duran kind of fight. I didn't want to go toe-to-toe with him."

"He kind of threw a curve at us, too. He was boxing more than he was pounding away. I never really felt I was in trouble, though. Around the 10th round, I couldn't believe what good condition I was in. I proved to everybody that I could change strategies, and I proved that I could go the distance."

Meanwhile, in defeat, Duran proved that he still possesses a strong will and a chin to match. Three Novembers ago, on a fateful evening in the Louisiana Superdome, Duran surrendered during the eighth round of a championship bout against Sugar Ray Leonard.

Duran, one of the noblest warriors in the sweet science, never had absorbed a beating of consequence. But on that night, when he waved "no mas, no mas," he beat himself. When Duran returned home to Panama, where he was once deemed a national treasure, he was being called a coward, a disgrace.

"But now, everybody knows that after his performance against Hagler, Roberto is back," said Luis Spada, Duran's manager. "The people of Panama feel as though Duran won the fight. We feel that Roberto won the fight. But we have no complaints and no excuses."

"A lot of the press and people in this country were calling this fight the mismatch of the century. Now, they know it was not. Roberto would like to fight maybe another year, maybe another two, three bouts. One of them we would like to be a rematch against Marvin Hagler."

The 32-year-old Duran, who had been chided as an over-stuffed junior middleweight, instead comported himself very

well. He bowed to Hagler's eight-inch reach advantage, but with characteristic savvy and guile, he almost became the first boxer in history to win titles in four weight classifications.

"I told Hagler that he would not knock me out," said Duran, who seemed proud just to finish. "In the 12th round, I had him in bad condition, but I could just not finish the job. In the fifth round, I hit his head and hurt my (right) hand."

"At the end, I wasn't able to hit him with the punches that I wanted to. He was strong, and I was a little tired. I am not sorry. Marvin Hagler was the better man, and he won the fight. I have no excuses. I still think Sugar Ray Leonard is better."

Duran, who has been accused of employing unsavory tactics, was warned several times about low blows by referee Stanley Christodoulou. It was not an alley fight by any means, although the Hagler camp said the champion had been victimized by Duran's butting.

"A cut opened under Marvin's left eye late in the fight," said Goody Petronelli, half of the brother team that has handled Hagler since he was a teen-ager. "That was from Duran's head. He didn't fight like he wanted to win the title. You knew that. We all knew that."

Pat Petronelli, meanwhile, was aghast at the scoring. "I don't know what fight the judges were looking at," he said.

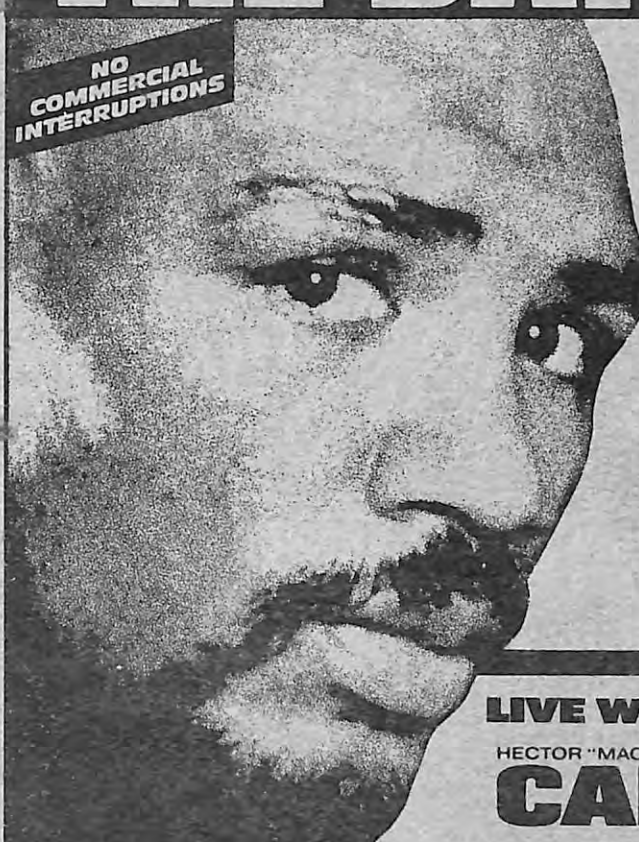
"Sometimes, coming to a gambling, money town like Las Vegas for a championship bout is scary. When you consider we came this close to losing a fight that we had won, it makes you wonder."

But Spada took umbrage at that remark. "We are not making any excuses, and we lost the fight," he said. "Why are they making excuses when they won the fight?"

In the end, before a curious crowd that included everyone from Derek to Redd Foxx to Larry Flynt to Larry Holmes, the bout that was supposed to be a slugfest instead turned out to be a relatively calm, reserved affair. Two veteran boxers who can hit and be hit opted to be clever rather than aggressive.

And, perhaps, there were no losers, after all. Marvelous Marvin Hagler, seeking recognition along with his first huge paycheck, retained his title. Roberto Duran, whose glorious reign had been besmirched by that "no mas" episode, regained his honor.

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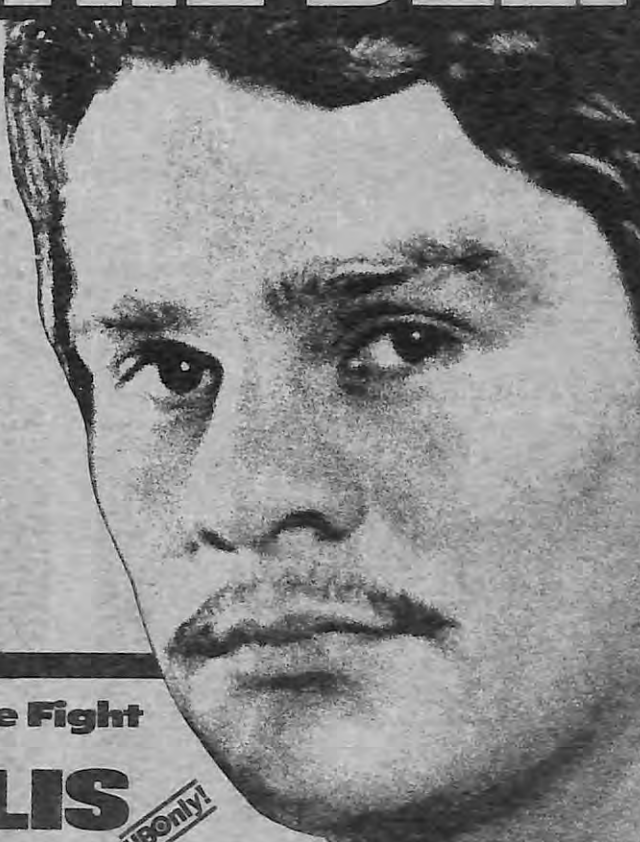
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29 Free Agents Get the Cold Shoulder

By JACK LANG

NEW YORK—It took only 46 minutes for 26 clubs to tell 29 would-be millionaires they weren't wanted.

The occasion was the eighth annual major-league re-entry draft, and it turned out to be total embarrassment for nearly two-thirds of the 45 players who declared free agency and made themselves available to the highest bidder. Never were so many ignored.

The site was New York's Sheraton Hotel on the morning of November 7. It was obvious before Bill Murray of the commissioner's office rapped the gavel for the first time that this would be an inconsequential draft. George Steinbrenner did not show up.

Steinbrenner, who built his current Yankee team through liberal spending in the free-agent field, had warned in advance he would not be a participant this year, and he was not. The Yankees drafted only one player, first baseman Darrell Evans. They were one of 17 clubs seeking negotiation rights to the 36-year-old San Francisco slugger, who became the most sought-after player on the block.

The mediocrity of the talent available in the draft not only failed to attract Steinbrenner's attention, the feeling was almost universal. Most clubs sent only secondary front-office personnel to make their selections, some assigned scouts to make the calls and others did not even send a representative. They used proxies from the league offices instead.

The New York Mets had five men at their table, including General Manager Frank Cashen, and they passed in the first two rounds, which left them ineligible for further selection.

"What we were looking for was not available," Cashen said. "We are looking for a lefthanded starter and a catcher. There were no experienced lefthanded starters available, and the only catcher on the list, Ted Simmons, is best suited as a designated hitter."

Cashen further explained that the only two players in whom he had any interest were pitchers Dennis Lamp and Milt Wilcox. But since both are Type A players who would require compensation and the loss of a first-round draft pick, the Mets did not feel the draft pick was worth surrendering for a pitcher who might be the fourth or fifth starter on next year's staff.

The Minnesota Twins joined the Mets in passing on the draft. They refused to make a selection.

Seattle and Texas, on the other hand, were the most active. The Rangers selected negotiating rights to 13 players, the Mariners to 12. But for the Mariners, it is likely to be nothing more than an exercise in futility. Of all the owners who have frowned on the big bucks being spent on free agents, the Mariners' George Argyros probably heads the list. But Argyros' agent drafted Dave Parker, who wants \$1 million a year for five years, and Darrell Evans, who certainly will get something akin to that after all the interest that was shown in him.

Most clubs drafted half a dozen players or so and then dropped out. But all concentrated their selections on a dozen or so players while ignoring the majority of others.

Besides Evans, those drawing the most attention—as expected—were relief aces Goose Gossage and Kent Tekulve. Tekulve, who turned down the Pirates' final offer even after admitting it was fair, was selected by 12 clubs. Gossage, who says he wants out of Steinbrenner's Bronx Zoo, was drafted by 11.

Most surprising was the Yankees' decision to ignore Tekulve at a time when they are expected to lose Gossage. This led to speculation that Steinbrenner already may have struck a deal with Gossage and his agent, Jerry Kap-

stein, that will ensure Goose's return to the Yankees. Otherwise, it was a tremendous gamble on Steinbrenner's part to risk losing Gossage with no one available to replace him.

Evans' 30 home runs were the big attraction to most clubs. Even at 36, Evans would be attractive, especially to an American League club for which he could play first base and DH.

The snubs given to the Pirates' Dave Parker and the Angels' Rod Carew were not unexpected. Nobody wants to take a chance on the Pittsburgh right fielder with the troublesome knees, not for the money and duration of contract Parker is seeking. As for Carew, the seven-time A.L. batting champ, his price is rather prohibitive for any club in view of his slim home run and RBI totals.

Carew did not get a single call in any of the 18 rounds while Parker was selected for the first time in the eighth round by the Reds and only one more time, in the 12th round by Seattle. They were two of the 29 who failed to get a call from at least

four clubs and are therefore free to negotiate with anyone they please. But the disregard most clubs had for the 29 lost souls leaves them in poor bargaining positions.

Besides Carew, others who failed to get a call were Doug Bird, Bert Campaneris, Miguel Dilone, Jamie Easterly, Don Hood, Art Howe, Jerry Martin, Randy Moffitt, J.R. Richard, Aurelio Rodriguez, Dave Tomlin, Mark Wagner and Jerry White.

In the remaining group of players selected fewer than four times was Manny Trillo, one of the best second basemen in the business, who also appears to have overpriced himself. Trillo wants \$6 million for five years.

The remaining list of players free to negotiate with all 26 clubs are Doug Bair, Jim Bibby, Warren Cromartie, Richie Hebner, Steve Henderson, Ruppert Jones, Bake McBride, Dale Murray, Amos Otis, Rob Picciolo, Simmons, Elias Sosa and Tom Underwood.

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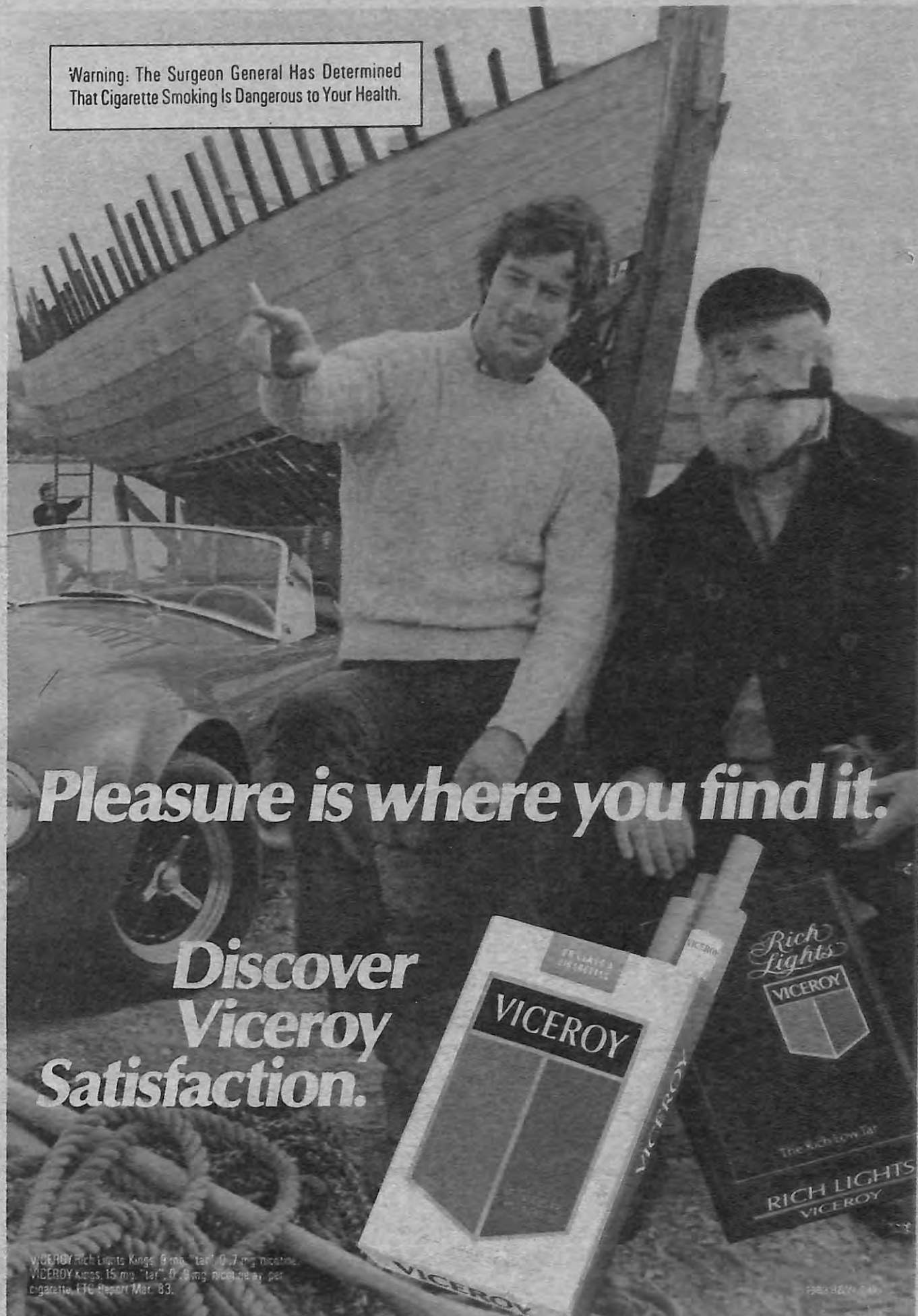
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George Steinbrenner skipped the draft.



No Compromises in the Pine Tar Tiff

By MURRAY CHASS

NEW YORK—Commissioner Bowie Kuhn is "a czar, a king." He is "judge, district attorney, jury, sentencing agency and the court of appeals." He has the type of power once held by "Tiberius, Caligula and Boris Godunov. They created a despot here," Milton Gould said in New York State Supreme Court, "and whether the despot is going to be benevolent or malevolent will depend on his character."

George Steinbrenner, for whom Gould was serving as a lawyer, was not questioning Kuhn's authority, but he was challenging the commissioner's character—his ability to act fairly and objectively toward the New York Yankees' principal owner.

The third owner to take Kuhn to court in his 15-year tenure as commissioner, Steinbrenner chose that route in an attempt to avoid a hearing. He was convinced that a hearing would wind up with him being punished severely with a fine and a suspension. The numbers of \$150,000 and \$250,000 have been whispered as possible fines, and six months and one year have been mentioned as possible lengths of a suspension.

It's all because George Brett hit a home run against Rich Gossage, using a bat that was covered with too much pine tar. Since August 30, when he first notified Steinbrenner of his

intention, Kuhn has been trying to hold a hearing into the owner's behavior and comments about Lee MacPhail, the American League president, all part of the pine-tar aftermath. After repeated efforts by Steinbrenner to reach a settlement had failed, a hearing finally was set for November 7, but four days earlier, Steinbrenner went into New York State Supreme Court and secured a temporary restraining order blocking the hearing.

Then, on the day Kuhn was to have held his hearing, lawyers for Kuhn and Steinbrenner appeared before Justice Irwin Silbowitz to argue Steinbrenner's request for an injunction that would prevent the commissioner from holding a hearing or to take any punitive action against Steinbrenner.

Justice Silbowitz heard the lawyers' arguments in his chambers, but it might have been wiser to move the proceedings to Yankee Stadium, only a few blocks away. The room was crammed with 14 lawyers, a team of six for Steinbrenner and a squad of eight, some from New York, some from Washington, for Kuhn.

"We're here," Gould, the lead lawyer for Steinbrenner, told Justice Silbowitz, "because it's obvious we're not going to get a fair hearing. . . . We will willingly submit ourselves to a future commissioner. We will submit ourselves to any other hearing

officer Mr. Kuhn delegates. We don't want Kuhn."

Calling Kuhn's attitude toward Steinbrenner "so venal, so vindictive," Gould added, "What he wants is for Mr. Steinbrenner to admit guilt and throw himself on the mercy of the court. The aura of nonsense that's been placed around this demonstrates to me that Mr. Kuhn is personally prejudiced and wants to visit serious harm on George Steinbrenner. It will be his swan song, his last act in this proceeding."

Justice Silbowitz heard arguments for an hour and 25 minutes, then met privately with the lawyers for each side and told them to appear before him again two days later. However, that second session was later put off for a week. Meanwhile, the temporary restraining order stood and Kuhn could hold no hearing.

As the case developed, Kuhn kept baseball's Executive Council informed. He held a hastily put together conference call with council members the day after Steinbrenner got the temporary restraining order, then had another such conference the day the lawyer appeared in court.

"Bowie is consulting with the council," said one member, who asked not to be identified, "because he realizes he's a lame-duck commissioner and this is an unusual situation. He also wants to be fair with George. He says he hasn't heard the facts, so he can't prejudice anything."

In his letter to Steinbrenner August 30, Kuhn told him he wanted to look into two matters generally: the owner's comments about MacPhail and whatever role the Yankees might have played in the legal effort by two fans to block resumption of the pine-tar game August 18.

Steinbrenner's lawyers tried furiously to reach a compromise with Kuhn. At one point, Steinbrenner, without admitting any wrongdoing, offered to accept a "reasonable fine" and a "reasonable period of probation." In court, though, Gould said the commissioner was not interested in a settlement.

"This man is out to get Mr. Steinbrenner," the lawyer contended.

On November 1, Gould had written a letter to Kuhn asking that he disqualify himself as the hearing officer, but Kuhn rejected the idea.

"He has declined," said David Kentoff, one of Kuhn's lawyers, in court, "because he feels he is not biased."

Steinbrenner's lawyers based their contention of bias on four cases in which the commissioner ruled against the owner: a \$50,000 fine last April for comments Steinbrenner had made in spring training about National League umpires, a \$5,000 fine for comments he made about the owners of the Chicago White Sox, a \$5,000 fine for tampering with Brian Downing of California in 1979 and a finding that Steinbrenner tampered with Billy Cannon Jr., a high school player, in 1980.

However, Kentoff countered the bias argument by pointing out that as recently as October 11, "Mr. Steinbrenner requested a hearing on an unrelated matter before the same commissioner." Kentoff didn't identify the matter, but it was believed to have been Steinbrenner's contention that the California Angels tampered with Gossage.

"I don't know what that means," the lawyer continued, "Does it mean the commissioner is biased on some matters, not biased on others?"

Charles O. Finley and Ted Turner are the other owners who have challenged Kuhn in court. They both lost in United States District Court.

CAUGHT ON THE FLY

By STAN ISLE, Associate Editor

Norway (Iowa) Honors Boddicker

Rookie righthander Mike Boddicker, one of the Orioles' heroes in their drive to the world championship, was honored at a bash in his hometown, Norway, Ia., population 633. Boddicker and his wife, Lisa, were guests of honor at a \$10-a-plate ham and beef dinner attended by nearly 300 friends and admirers. Boddicker selected a four-wheel-drive vehicle as his prize for winning most valuable player recognition in the American League Championship Series, but his mother, Dolly, said he hadn't ordered it yet. "He's more interested in getting ready for his hunting and trapping and all the other stuff," she said. . . . Maybe it was just as well that Braves outfielder Dale Murphy was only the runner-up (to Kansas City reliever Dan Quisenberry) in the Seagram's Seven Crowns of Sports baseball ratings. Murphy is a devout Mormon, neither smokes nor drinks and would have been placed in a rather embarrassing position had he won.

Tamargo, Father Under Indictment

Former major league catcher John Tamargo (Cardinals, Giants and Expos) and his father have been indicted in Tampa on charges of lying to a federal grand jury in a bribery investigation. Tamargo was indicted on two counts of perjury and his father, Armando Tamargo, was charged with three counts of perjury. The charges stem from a 1981 incident in which prosecutors contend that the elder Tamargo went to the home of State's Attorney E.J. Salcines and offered him \$75,000 to drop charges against a drug defendant, Leon Wood III, a former softball player with the Clearwater (Fla.) Bombers. Wood was arrested on charges of selling 4.4 pounds of cocaine to under-

cover officers in Tampa. In a plea agreement, he was convicted, sentenced to three years in prison and fined \$50,000. . . . Auburn (New York-Penn.) named Leslie Leary general manager for the 1984 season. Miss Leary, a 23-year-old graduate of Colgate University, was assistant in 1983 to Auburn G.M. Steve DeSalvo, executive of the year in the Class-A circuit and now G.M. at Florence (South Atlantic).

Indianapolis Names Rodgers

Buck Rodgers, former major league catcher who managed the Brewers following a 17-year career as a player, was named to pilot the Indianapolis (American Association) Indians. Indianapolis now is the Expos' Triple-A affiliate. . . . CBS news anchorman Dan Rather was to speak at the Morris Frank Memorial dinner in Houston. Some 700 persons were expected to attend the event honoring the late Houston Post and Chronicle sports editor, columnist and nationally known after-dinner speaker. Proceeds go to the Morris Frank Scholarship Fund at the University of Houston. . . . The Pittsburgh chapter, Baseball Writers' Association of America, named Pirate catcher Tony Pena as 1984 recipient of the Roberto Clemente Award, presented annually to the Pittsburgh player who best exemplifies the standards of excellence set by the late Hall of Famer.

Red Sox Talks to Begin

At mid-November the squabble among the three general partners of the Red Sox appeared to be moving toward a negotiated resolution. Jean Yawkey and Haywood Sullivan, allied against the third general partner, Buddy LeRoux, and the Boston club's limited partners, have agreed to begin negotiations with the LeRoux group in an effort to acquire 40 percent minority interest.

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6:00 Business Times on ESPN: A Business News Briefing for Executives (L)
7:00 Business Times on ESPN
8:00 BMX Bicycle Motocross from Los Angeles
9:00 Professional Rodeo from Mesquite, Tex.
11:00 NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at San Diego Clippers

P.M.—

1:30 Clemson Football: Clemson at South Carolina
4:00 College Football: Penn State at Pittsburgh
7:00 SportsCenter
7:30 ESPN's Sidelines
8:00 NFL's Greatest Moments: Best-Ever Professionals
9:00 Tennis: 1983 Davis Cup Semifinals Highlights
10:00 The World Sportsman: Skiing, Kayaking and Hang-Gliding—Guests include former Olympians Bob Seagren (Pole Vault) and Rose Mittermaier (West German Skier)
11:00 SportsCenter
11:15 ESPN's Saturday Night at the Fights

• TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

A.M.—

1:45 ESPN's Sidelines
2:15 SportsCenter
2:30 Notre Dame Football: Air Force at Notre Dame
5:30 ESPN's SportsWoman
6:00 Business Times on ESPN: A Business News Briefing for Executives (L)
7:00 Business Times on ESPN
8:00 SportsCenter
8:15 ESPN's Sidelines
8:45 SportsCenter

9:00 Auto Racing '83: NASCAR International Sedans from Rockingham, N.C.
10:30 Vic's Vacant Lot (children's program)
11:00 Clemson Football: Clemson at South Carolina

P.M.—

1:30 Arco L.A. Coliseum Invitational 10-Kilometer Run
2:00 Best Kicks of '83—PKA Karate
3:30 UCLA Football: UCLA vs. USC
6:00 Skiing American Style
6:30 This Week in the NBA
7:00 SportsCenter
7:30 ESPN's Saturday Night at the Fights
10:00 Caesar's Tahoe Billiards Classic Sponsored by Corner Pockets of America—Semifinal
11:00 SportsCenter
11:15 Notre Dame Football: Air Force at Notre Dame

• WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

A.M.—

2:15 SportsCenter
2:30 This Week in the NBA
3:00 UCLA Football: UCLA vs. USC
5:30 ESPN's Sidelines
6:00 Business Times on ESPN: A Business News Briefing for Executives (L)
7:00 Business Times on ESPN
8:00 SportsCenter
8:15 This Week in the NBA
8:45 SportsCenter
9:00 Best Kicks of '83—PKA Karate
10:30 ESPN's Sidelines
11:00 ESPN's SportsWoman
11:30 Billiards: Women's World Invitational 7-Ball Championship, Quarterfinal, Vicki Frechen vs. Lori Jon Ogonowsky

P.M.—

12:30 International Women's Volleyball: The Big Four Challenge—USA vs. South Korea
2:30 SportsCenter
3:00 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship
4:00 ESPN's SportsWoman

5:00 Vic's Vacant Lot (children's program)
5:30 NCAA Instructional Series: Wrestling—Riding and Pinning with Leigh Coach Thad Turner
6:00 Alpine Ski School: "The Mountain Awakens"—Highlights the sport, selection and use of equipment and apparel, and begins with the basics of starting, steering and stopping on skis
6:30 "Down the Stretch"—ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
7:00 SportsCenter
7:30 Caesar's Tahoe Billiards Classic Sponsored by Corner Pockets of America—Final Match
8:30 The World Sportsman: Kayaking, Rafting, Fishing and Parachuting—Guests include ABC Sports Commentator Bob Beattie and Actor Randolph Mantooth
9:30 Best Kicks of '83—PKA Karate
11:00 SportsCenter
11:15 Auto Racing '83: SCCA Super Vees from Laguna Seca, Calif.

P.M.—

1:30 Arco L.A. Coliseum Invitational 10-Kilometer Run
2:00 Best Kicks of '83—PKA Karate
3:30 UCLA Football: UCLA vs. USC
6:00 Skiing American Style
6:30 This Week in the NBA
7:00 SportsCenter
7:30 ESPN's Saturday Night at the Fights
10:00 Caesar's Tahoe Billiards Classic Sponsored by Corner Pockets of America—Semifinal
11:00 SportsCenter
11:15 Notre Dame Football: Air Force at Notre Dame

• THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

A.M.—

12:45 The World Sportsman: "The Flight of the Double Eagle II"—Exclusive coverage of the first successful crossing of the Atlantic in a balloon. Guest Host Narrator: Bob Beattie
1:45 ESPN's SportsWoman
2:15 SportsCenter
2:30 "Down the Stretch"—ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
3:00 CFL Football: Eastern Division Final
5:30 ESPN's Sidelines
6:00 Business Times on ESPN: A Business News Briefing for Executives (L)
7:00 Business Times on ESPN
8:00 SportsCenter
8:15 "Down the Stretch"—ESPN's Horse Racing Weekly
8:45 SportsCenter
9:00 NCAA Division I Field Hockey Championship

10:30 ESPN's Sidelines
11:00 NFL's Greatest Moments: Best-Ever Teams

P.M.—

12:00 I.A. '83: Highlights of Water Polo, Swimming, Diving and Synchronized Swimming
1:30 Caesar's Tahoe Billiards Classic Sponsored by Corner Pockets of America—Semifinal
2:30 ESPN's Saturday Night at the Fights
5:00 Auto Racing '83: NASCAR International Sedans from Rockingham, N.C.
6:30 Arco L.A. Coliseum Invitational 10-Kilometer Run
7:00 SportsCenter
7:30 ESPN's SportsWeek
8:00 NFL's Greatest Moments: 1968 World Champion New York Jets and 1969 World Champion Kansas City Chiefs Highlights
9:00 Top Rank Boxing from Pasadena, Tex.: 10-round Lightweight Bout, Jerry Stoner vs. TBA (L)
11:30 SportsCenter
11:45 NFL's Greatest Moments: 1982 Miami Dolphins Highlights

• FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

A.M.—

12:15 Winterworld Series: "Born on Skis"—Official Film of the 1982 Nordic World Championships from Oslo, Norway. Features Ski Jumping and Cross-Country Skiing
12:45 2nd Annual Legendary Pocket Billiards Stars: Willie Mosconi vs. Cowboy Jimmy Moore
1:45 ESPN's SportsWeek
2:15 SportsCenter
2:30 Top Rank Boxing
5:00 Arco L.A. Coliseum Invitational 10-Kilometer Run
5:30 ESPN's SportsWeek
6:00 Business Times on ESPN: A Business News Briefing for Executives (L)
7:00 Business Times on ESPN
8:00 SportsCenter
8:15 ESPN's SportsWeek

8:45 SportsCenter
9:00 Australian Rules Football: Hawthorn vs. Fitzroy
10:30 ESPN's SportsWoman
11:00 CFL Football: Western Division Final

P.M.—

1:30 LPGA Golf: Mazda Japan Classic Highlights
2:30 College Soccer: The Bronze Boot—St. Louis U. vs. So. Illinois U.-Edwardsville
4:30 Top Rank Boxing
7:30 ESPN's Inside Football
7:30 SportsCenter
7:50 ESPN's NBA Tonight (L)
8:00 NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets (L)
10:30 NFL Game of the Week
11:00 SportsCenter
11:15 Top Rank Boxing

• SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26

A.M.—

1:45 NFL Game of the Week
2:15 SportsCenter
2:30 ESPN's Inside Football
3:00 Best Kicks of '83—PKA Karate
4:30 ESPN's SportsWeek
5:00 Professional Rodeo from Mesquite, Tex.
7:00 ESPN's Inside Football
7:30 ESPN's SportsWeek
8:00 SportsCenter
8:15 NCAA Instructional Series: Gymnastics—Horizontal Bars with S. Connecticut St. Coach Abe Grossfeld
8:30 Vic's Vacant Lot (children's program)
9:00 NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Houston Rockets

11:30 Alpine Ski School: "Up and Down the Slopes"—Illustrates traveling around the mountain and introduces the turn with a Christie or Controlled Skid

P.M.—

12:00 SportsCenter Plus
12:30 The World Sportsman: "The Flight of the Double Eagle II"
1:30 Auto Racing '83: SCCA Super Vees from Laguna Seca, Calif.
3:30 ESPN's Saturday Night at the Fights: Beard vs. DeVorce

6:30 SportsCenter
7:00 ACC Basketball: Vanderbilt at Duke (L)
9:00 ACC Basketball: Missouri at No. Carolina (L)
11:00 SportsCenter

• SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

A.M.—

12:00 CFL Football: Best Final Game
2:30 SportsCenter
3:30 ACC Basketball: Missouri at No. Carolina
5:30 Arco L.A. Coliseum Invitational 10-Kilometer Run
6:00 ACC Basketball: Vanderbilt at Duke
8:00 SportsCenter
9:00 Vic's Vacant Lot (children's program)
9:30 NFL Game of the Week
10:00 ACC Basketball: Missouri at No. Carolina

P.M.—

12:00 SportsCenter Plus
12:30 NFL Game of the Week
1:00 Caesar's Tahoe Billiards Classic Sponsored by Corner Pockets of America—Semifinal
2:00 Alpine Ski School: "Up and Down the Slopes"—Illustrates traveling around the mountain and introduces the turn with a Christie or Controlled Skid
2:30 Top Rank Boxing
5:30 SportsCenter
6:00 ESPN Special: CFL Football Championship—1983 Grey Cup Game from Vancouver, B.C. (L)
9:00 SportsCenter
9:50 ESPN's NBA Tonight (L)
10:00 NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Lakers (L)



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NAMES AND GAMES



John McEnroe was a well-behaved winner this time.

Man Bites Dog: Official Slapped

Usually, it's John McEnroe who is fined or suspended for sounding off at tennis officials.

But in Australia, one of that country's top tennis umpires has been placed on probation over remarks he made about McEnroe. Dan Basey assessed McEnroe a conduct violation for abusing a net judge during the final of the Australian Indoor Championship in October (McEnroe defeated Frenchman Henri Leconte to win the title). McEnroe was fined \$1,500 and suspended for three weeks.

But Basey made the mistake of speaking to reporters after the match, and this was a violation of the rules of the Men's International Pro Tennis Council, which placed Basey on one year's probation and banned him from umpiring in any matches involving McEnroe for one year.

Basey wasn't the only one who encountered trouble in a confrontation with McEnroe. McEnroe whipped longtime rival Jimmy Connors, 7-5, 6-1, 6-4, in the final of a \$315,000 Grand Prix event in London. McEnroe's thumping of the U.S. Open champion was sound enough to drive Connors to the type of antics for which he was known before being upstaged by McEnroe.

Umpire Ian Stirk fined Connors \$750 for an audible obscenity in the 11th game.



Jimmy Connors was upended, and then he was fined.

All Along, She's Invincible

A decade ago, no thoroughbred ever had won \$2 million.

Now, All Along, a French-bred filly, not only has joined the handful who have accomplished that feat, but she earned that amount in just 41 days with an incredible span of four victories that could enable her to become the first filly since Busher in 1945 to capture Horse of the Year honors.

A 3¼-length victory over Welsh Term in the D.C. International November 12 enabled All Along (\$2.80) to become the first winner of the North American "Triple Crown" for grass runners. Her triumph in the \$250,000 International, combined with victories in the Rothman's International at Woodbine and the Turf Classic at Aqueduct, earned her a \$1 million bonus.

Walter Swinburn, a 22-year-old Irishman, had little trouble in guiding All Along to victory over Welsh Term and Majesty's Prince, timed in 2:35 for the 1½ miles. The triumph completed a four-race string that began with a victory in the Arc de Triomphe, France's premier event, and like the other three, accomplished against colts.

Famous School Closing Its Doors

Power Memorial Academy in New York City, the alma mater of notable athletes, including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, will close in June. The closing of the 52-year-old school comes because of \$3 million worth of repairs needed in the 90-year-old building it occupies.

Through the years, the academy boasted a championship basketball team, whose players included Abdul-Jabbar, then known as Lew Alcindor. Alcindor is a 1965 graduate of the school. Other Power graduates in professional sports include Len Elmore of the National Basketball Association's New York Knicks and National Hockey League players Joe and Brian Mullen.

Good Guy McEnroe

Wimbledon champion John McEnroe shed his "Bad Boy" image to send a tape recorded message to one of his British tennis fans who has been in a coma for 18 weeks.

Simon Baw, 18, of York, has been unconscious since he was involved in a cycle accident soon after watching McEnroe down Ivan Lendl in the Wimbledon semifinals. His parents told McEnroe of their son's plight in a letter to Wembley, where McEnroe was playing in a Grand Prix tournament.

McEnroe sent a message. In a tape, McEnroe said: "Simon, this is John McEnroe speaking. I hope you can hear me. I hope you will be home soon and we can meet some time. Keep in there fighting. Everyone is pulling for you. Regards, John."

Is Nothing Sacred At Wimbledon?

Tennis purists may weep, traditionalists shudder and older members of the establishment may recoil in terror. But Wimbledon is considering a major break with the past.

Officials have been taking soundings from interested parties, including the players, to see if there is a strong measure of sentiment favoring the use of yellow balls at next year's tournament. There is a substantial probability that they may be used. If they are, it will break the "color line" as Wimbledon and the Australian Open, besides being the only Grand Slam tournaments still played on grass, still insist on competitors wearing principally all-white outfits.

Boxing Writers Rate Division Leaders

Here is the latest listing of the top boxers in each division as rated by the International Boxing Writers Association: heavyweight, Larry Holmes, Easton, Pa.; cruiserweight (195), Carlos DeLeon, Puerto Rico; light heavyweight (175), Michael Spinks, Philadelphia; middleweight (160), Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass.; junior middleweight (154), Thomas Hearns, Detroit; welterweight (147), Donald Curry, Fort Worth, Tex.; junior welterweight (140), Aaron Pryor, Cincinnati; lightweight (135), Ray Mancini, Youngstown, O.; junior lightweight (13), Roger Mayweather, Las Vegas; featherweight (126), Eusebio Pedroza, Panama; junior featherweight (122), Jaime Garza, Los Angeles; bantamweight (118), Jeff Chandler, Philadelphia; flyweight (112), Santos Laciari, Argentina.

Week in Review

BOWLING

Joe Salvemini of Reno, Nev., defeated Steve Cook of Roseville, Calif., 231-191, to win the \$100,000 Syracuse (N.Y.) Open. It was Salvemini's second title on the PBA tour this year. He previously had won the Rolands Open in St. Louis.

Dana Miller of Albuquerque won the \$36,000 Ladies Pro Bowlers Tour American Classic at Tempe, Ariz., by downing Pat Costello of San Ramon, Calif., 226-212.

BOXING

Juan Roldan of Argentina, the World Boxing Association's No. 1 contender for Marvin Hagler's middleweight crown, raised his record to 50-2-2, with 34 knockouts, by kayoing Frank (The Animal) Fletcher in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round preliminary to the Hagler-Roberto Duran fight in Las Vegas, Nev.

Also in Las Vegas, world-ranked bantamweight Harold Petty of Fort Worth, Tex., stopped former World Boxing Council junior flyweight champion Hilario Zapata of Panama City in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Former welterweight champion Pipino Cuevas of Mexico was reported ready to end his seven-month retirement from the ring. His manager, Lupe Sanchez, said that Cuevas, 25, would be back in boxing within two months. Cuevas held the title from 1976 until 1980, when he was beaten by Thomas Hearns.

CURLING

The rinks of former world champion Al Hackner, Ed Werenich, Wayne Sokolosky and Tom Reed qualified for the championship round in the \$150,000 World Challenge Invitational Bonspiel in Calgary, Alberta.

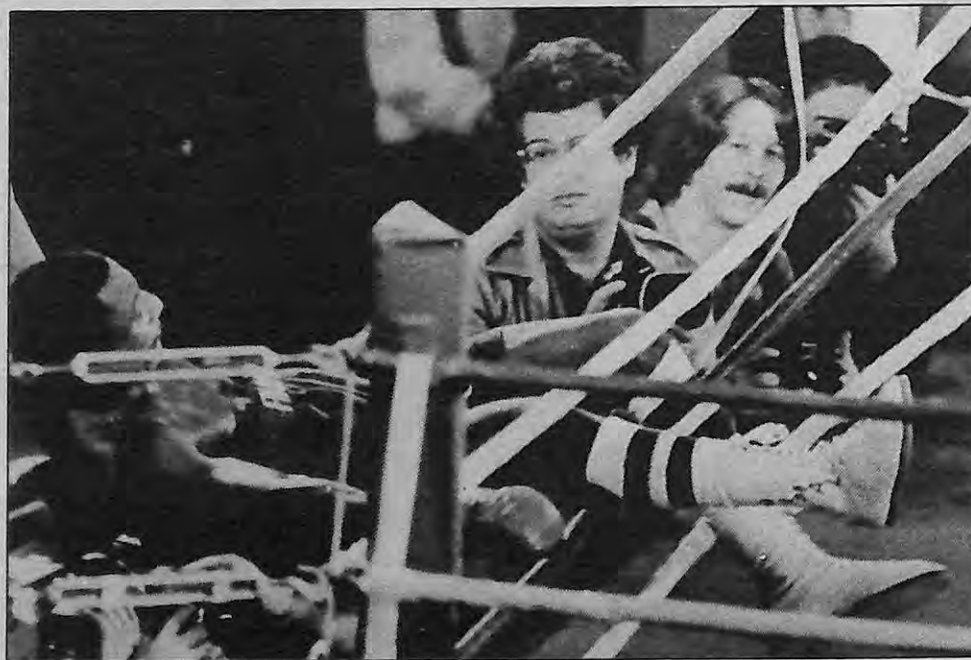
GOLF

The United States team, composed of eight ranking money winners on the 1983 PGA Tour, won the \$440,000 U.S.-Japan Goldwin Cup, 29-19, in medal-play matches in Kobe, Japan. Hale Irwin captained the U.S. team. Other U.S. players included Hal Sutton, David Graham, Lanny Wadkins, Calvin Peete and Ben Crenshaw. Leading individual was Tsuneyuki Nakajima, the top money winner in Japan.

Bernhard Langer of West Germany won the \$60,000 Johnnie Walker Open in Madrid with a 72-hole total of 270, which was 18 under par. Sandy Lyle of Scotland set a course record of 63 in the third round and had a 65 in the final round to finish second at 272.

HORSE RACING

The French filly Zalatalia outfought John Henry in



Frank (The Animal) Fletcher ran into a tougher animal yet.

the stretch and scored a half-length victory in the \$400,000 Oak Tree Invitational at Santa Anita in Arcadia, Calif., preventing John Henry from becoming the first thoroughbred to earn \$4 million. John Henry's second-place purse of \$80,000 pushed the 8-year-old gelding's record lifetime earnings to \$3,986,297. Zalatalia had won only six of 19 races going into the Oak Tree, but one of her three victories last summer came over the sensational All Along.

In another race at Santa Anita, Life's Magic, a 2-year-old Kentucky-bred daughter of Cox's Ridge, beat stablemate Althea by a half-length to win the 16th running of the \$273,850 Oak Leaf Stakes.

OLYMPICS

Officials of the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Los Angeles announced that athletes and

coaches at the 1984 Olympic Games will be able to call a special hotline to obtain information on air pollution during the Games.

F. Don Miller, 63, executive director of the United States Olympic Committee for 15 years, will retire from the post after the '84 Games in Los Angeles.

Four weightlifters from Canada's national team charged with illegally importing prescription drugs are not likely to miss the 1984 Summer Olympics. A team spokesman said "they didn't break a weightlifting rule." He said the International Weightlifting Federation, which issued two-year suspensions to 11 lifters caught using anabolic steroids at the Pan-American Games in August, would only suspend lifters caught using drugs, not those caught in possession of them.

ROAD RUNNING

Michael Musyoki of Kenya, the world record holder

in the 10-kilometer run, won \$20,000 by capturing a 10-kilometer race over rolling terrain at Palos Verdes, Calif. Musyoki finished in 28:20. Midde Hamrin, a Swede living in Beaumont, Tex., won the women's race in 32:38. She also received \$20,000. The earnings, however, will go into the runners' trust funds to ensure their amateur status.

SOCCER

Baltimore Blast Coach Kenny Cooper recorded his 100th regular-season Major Indoor Soccer League victory November 10 when his team defeated the New York Arrows, 6-2.

Andrew Radcliffe, 19, goalie for the Hofstra University team, was critically injured in a fall from a fifth-floor window of a campus dormitory.

TENNIS

The 10-month war between the Men's International Professional Tennis Council and World Championship Tennis ended with the adoption of a five-year agreement, beginning in 1985, for the operation by WCT of its tournaments under the auspices of the Grand Prix, the world's largest circuit of professional tennis tournaments. The main tournaments of WCT will be conducted under Grand Prix rules, MIPTC tournament regulations and the MIPTC Code of Conduct.

Defending champion Chris Evert Lloyd defeated Bonnie Gadusek, 6-0, 6-4, in the final of the Lynda Carter Classic, a \$125,000 tournament in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Second-seeded Kathy Horvath of Largo, Fla., downed top-seeded Carling Bassett of Toronto, 4-6, 6-2, 7-6, to take the \$22,000 first prize in the \$100,000 Virginia Slims tournament in Honolulu. In doubles, Rosalyn Fairbank and Candy Reynolds defeated Lea Antonopolis and Barbara Jordan, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.

WEIGHTLIFTING

Ted Arcidi of Concord, Mass., a dental student at Tufts University, bench-pressed 633 pounds and 650 pounds consecutively to set a world power lifting record in the Central Maryland Invitational meet in Westminster, Md. Arcidi was competing in the 275-pound class.

WINDGLIDING

Holland's Stephan Van Den Berg clinched the undisputed World Windglider Championship in a dramatic showdown at Hamilton, Bermuda, with Italian champion Klaus Maran.



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